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Lambda Center: Thank you

Dear Editor:

The staff, executive director, and board of the Lambda Community Center would like to extend our appreciation for the wonderful painting job done by the women of HandyWomen on November 27. Because of their efforts, and the efforts of many other outstanding volunteers, the Center has become a much more welcoming and warm place to work and visit. We cannot express that a difference it has made in our attitudes and our pride in knowing what our community can do for itself. So, thank you to Lisa Kohl, owner of HandyWomen, Harriet Anderson, who organized the project and donated the trim paint, Jean Miller, Nancy McKernan, Karen Vinciguerra, Lucinda Mennucci, Terri Planiden, Mary Cannote, and Cindy Boudwan.

Also, we would like to recognize the work done by Mary Turk, Center volunteer, who initiated and organized this renovation effort, Richard Green, Sonya Warren, Gary Lindenschmitt, Torrance Wade, also volunteers, all of whom painted the front meeting rooms. Thank you very much for your generosity and dedication, and for all the time and energy you have shared with he Lambda Community Center. And finally, thank you to Franklin Anderson, our Community Organizer, who was instrumental in our first painting efforts and in finding those elusive donations of paint, and to Joanna Cassese, executive director, for her very hard and continued work on behalf of the Center and its staff, the gay, lesbian and bisexual community, and the larger community in which we work and live.

Sincerely,
Alexandra Brashears
Volunteer
Coordinator
Lambda Community
Center

New Secretary of State wants his name off MGW list

Dear Friends:

On February 17, 1994, March Fong Eu resigned as Secretary of State to accept the post of United States Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia. Tony Miller then assumed her duties as Acting Secretary of State for the remainder of 1994.

As of January 2, 1995, California's newly elected Secretary of State is Bill Jones. Mr. Jones was an Assemblyman (R-Fresno) prior to his election in November.

We have included a copy of your mailing label so you may remove us from your mailing list. Thank you for your assistance and if this office can be of any assistance to you in the future, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Andrea Hill
Asst. Chief, Constituent Serv.
Bill Jones, Sec. of State
1230 J St., Sac.
445-6371

Fairy Godfathers do good work!

Dear Editor:

We have an organization here in Sacramento called the Fairy Godfathers Fund. This group helps all people with HIV and AIDS related problems. I wish all the best to Mr. Steven Swart for his great work he does in our community. It appears this agency (nonprofit) produces action on the front line faster and more efficient than any other here in Sacramento.

Given my experience with the Fairy Godfathers Fund, I would contribute first and foremost, solely to them! As I began, I noted that Mr. Swart is acting personally on the front line of this deadly disease!

We should honor Mr. Swart for his time and effort which is greatly appreciated by more than you'll ever know!

David Andrews

Thank you, Paul!

Dear Editor:

As the co-chair of this year's Lambda Freedom Fair and friend, I would like to extend a personal thank you to the late Paul Starr-Fuhr for his generosity in naming his remembrances to the Lambda Freedom Fair Fund. Paul GAVE to this community greatly. As a co-founder of the Lesbian and Gay Business Alliance, I depended on Paul and Mike to help shape and guide the group. As a friend, he listened and cared and I knew he did. I'll miss him, but knowing him and his memory is a great gift.

Thank you,

Kevin Cohee

National business group forms

Dear Editor:

Welcome to the National Gay & Lesbian Business Alliance! We trust that as our programs and services progress in 1995, you will become a satisfied member of NGLBA forever.

The NGLBA is a for profit organization committed to fostering the growth and buying power of the national gay and lesbian business community. The NGLBA offers its members cost-saving programs and services, business related educational seminars, timely business information, and national networking via a bimonthly newsletter called HIGHWAY. The March/April issue of HIGHWAY will contain the benefits of membership, calendar of events, and explanations of cost-saving programs. We had targeted January as the launch month for NGLBA, but due to the success of the free membership drive and the enthusiasm of national corporations wanting to make programs available to our members, we are delaying the launch until March.

Thank you for your patients. In the meantime, please feel free to call me with any questions regarding the National Gay & Lesbian Business Alliance.

Sincerely,

Sally Starr
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Searching for travelling older gays

Dear Editor:

Is there anyway that you can help me make some connections with older gay men. Age is really not important, 50 to 100+, physically challenged is not an issue, as well.

During the summer I like to take retreats to desert hot springs and go on camping trips and would like to have someone to go along for company and conversation. I can provide transportation in my van. I have concerns for older gay men or gay people that may have a handicap that may not have immediate friends or family that would like to get out in nature and have some fun, peace, quietness or solitude. I am 58, healthy and health conscious and enjoy the great outdoors.

I would deeply appreciate anything that you can do for me in terms of connecting me with someone or a group of people or some organization that can help me with the request I made above.

Thank you in advance for your help and cooperation. Also, thank you for the great publication that you put out for all of us to enjoy.

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National owner has donated large sums to anti-gay and fundamentalist far right religious zealots. Local owner Joe Lal destroyed Sac. News & Review's papers and newstands in 1994 because of Gay & Lesbian personal ads.

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Curran, Hitomi Marketing Agency:
Owner Marilyn Curran wrote to MGW and demanded to be taken off the PR mailing list. MGW routinely mails copies of the newspaper to all ad agencies.

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Nebraska moves to bar homosexuals from being foster parents

The Nebraska Department of Social Services has implemented a statewide ban on foster parenting by lesbians and gay men. On January 24, the director of the department, Mary Dean Harvey, released a new policy saying it was in the best interest of the state to place children in the most "family like setting," and not with lesbian and gay parents.

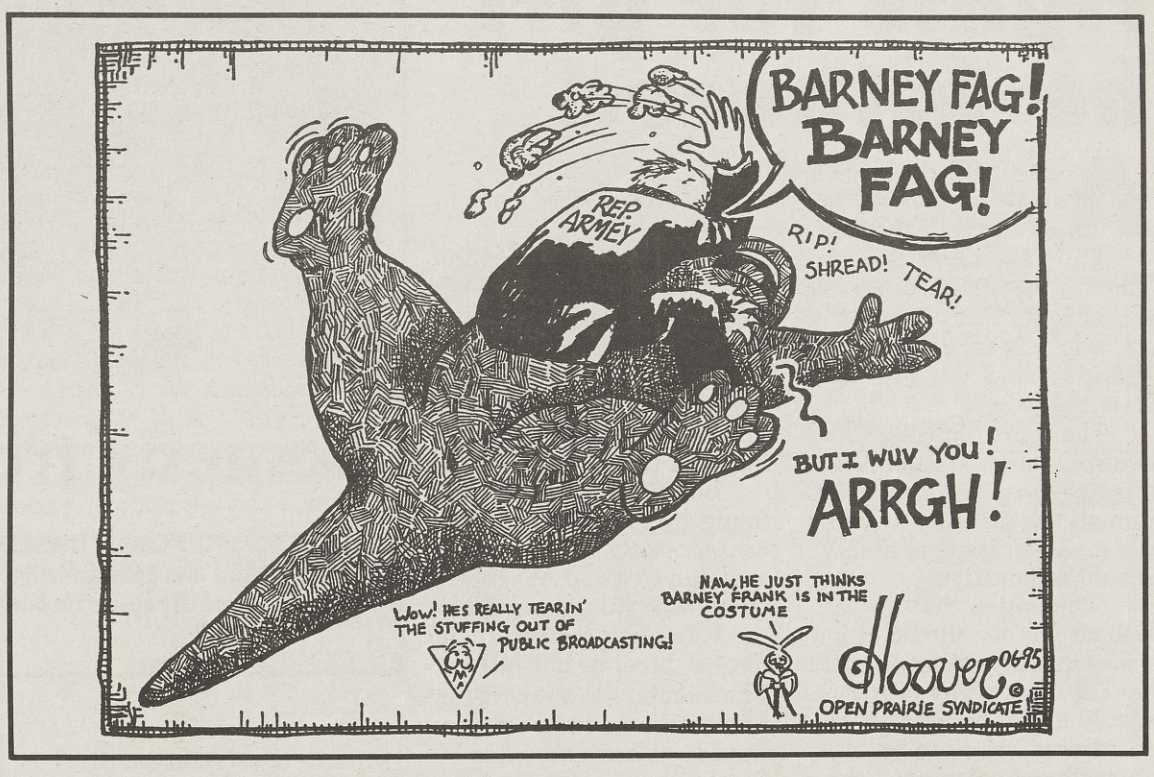
"Clearly, Nebraska's new anti-gay foster parenting policy is *not* in the best interest of Nebraska's children," said Tim Fisher, executive director of the Gay and Lesbian parents Coalition International, a worldwide advocacy and support group for lesbian moms, gay dads and their families. "At present, there are almost 2,000 children in Nebraska waiting for foster placements. These children have the right to a nurturing relationship with a parent or parents who convey to them an enduring sense of love and care."

Adoptive and foster parents should be chosen based on their abilities. Single factors — including sexual orientation — should not automatically rule out a prospective parent. So say the experts, including: the American Psychological Association, the American Psychiatric Association, the Child Welfare League of America, the National Association of social Workers, Dr. Benjamin Spock, Dr. Joyce Brothers, and columnist Abigail Van Buren ("Dear Abby"), among others.

"There are over four million lesbian and gay parents in the U.S.," continued Fisher, a stay-at-home father of two pre-schoolers, "providing love and care — *in family settings* — to over eight million kids. The children of Nebraska deserve leaders who make laws and policies based on the facts about gay parents and not the myths and lies of the Radical Right."

"The scientific evidence is clear and conclusive," said Stefan Lynch, director of Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere (COLAGE). "Children of lesbian and gay parents grow up to be *no different* from kids of heterosexual parents."

Prior to the release of Nebraska's new policy, only two states, New Hampshire and Florida, placed restrictions on foster parenting or adoptions by homosexuals. Gay parenting activists are worried that, with November's conservative shift in legislatures and statehouses around the country, other states may attempt to enact similar laws and policies.▼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Migden introduces legislation extending rights to domestic partners

San Francisco Supervisor Carole Migden introduced legislation that would extend to domestic partners the same rent control protections and exemptions that are currently afford to family members under existing law. The legislation will close a loophole in the rent control ordinance that places owner occupied buildings with less than four units under rent control.

"San Francisco voters have passed both a domestic partnership law and a rent control ordinance," said Migden. "It only makes sense that the citizens of this city want domestic partners to be afforded all the same rights and privileges as straight married couples. This legislation will simply close an inadvertent loophole in the law."

Proposition I, which passed last November, placed previously exempted buildings under the city's rent control ordinance but inadvertently excluded domestic partners. The ordinance would amend the San Francisco Rent Ordinance to put domestic partners on par with what we previously called spouses as defined by the San Francisco Administrative Code. Domestic partners will now be allowed to move in following an eviction in buildings with four or fewer units.

Supervisor Migden has long been actively involved with domestic partners legislation. In November 1994, voters overwhelmingly passed a ballot initiative sponsored by Supervisor Migden that extended retirement benefits to surviving domestic partners of city employees. Migden also was key player in the 1989 effort to pass a citywide domestic partnership law and also helped lead the fight against a 1991 ballot initiative repeal of the law.▼

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Gay S.F. lawyer wins paternity rights for girl he fathered

A gay man who sired a child through the artificial insemination of a lesbian has won the legal right to call himself the father.

The state supreme Court's Appellate Division ruled that Thomas Steel, 43, of San Francisco, is entitled to be the legal father of Ry Russo-Young, 13, who was born in San Francisco and now lives in New York City.

The court indicated that equality for gay fathers was a factor in its decision, even though the girl's mother had not made an issue of Steel's sexual orientation.

"The notion that a lesbian mother should enjoy a parental relationship with her (Ry), but a gay father should not, is so innately discriminatory as to be unworthy of comment," the unsigned majority opinion held.

Ry's last name is taken from mother, Robin young, and Young's domestic partner, Sandra Russo.

In April 1993, Manhattan Family Court Judge Edward Kaufman denied Steel the right to visit Ry or call himself her father largely because he had almost no contact with in her first three years.

But the appeals court found that Steel's lack of contact in Ry's early years was due to a verbal agreement with Russo and Young.

Ry's birth certificate did not list Steel as her father. The women's lawyer, Peter Bienstock, said the women would not have accepted Steel as a sperm donor if they had known he would assert parental rights.

Nonetheless, one appellate judge criticized Steel's lack of early involvement with Ry.

In her biting dissent, Justice Betty Weinberg Ellerin observed that Steel "was not there when she cut her baby teeth, started to walk, was sick or in need of parental comfort or guidance, nor did he seek to involve himself in the everyday decisions which are peculiarly the domain of parents."

Ry eventually learned of her parentage. From about ages 4 through 9, she had considerable contact with him at the urging of her mother, the court said.

Steel said Ry sent him numerous cards and letters, including one which called him "the best dad I ever loved."

In 1990, the women cut all contact between Ry and Steel after a dispute over the logistics of his visits.

The Daily Democrat

Comedy troupe hits Sacramento

Chicago's Second City Comedy Troupe has spawned many of the country's biggest comic talents: Mike Meyers, Dan Aykroyd, Jim and John Belushi, Martin Short, and dozens of others. Now the national touring group makes its way west when Second City appears in Davis on Thursday, February 16 at 8pm in Freeborn Hall on the UC Davis Campus.

Mayhem in Des Moines

Radical right elevates school curricula debate to state battle

The Radical Right organizers are threatening to seek statewide legislation in Iowa prohibiting any reference to homosexuality in the public schools.

A nondiscrimination policy to include homosexuality in appropriate curricula areas were approved in 1991 in Des Moines. However, implementation of the curriculum policy has come under fire in recent weeks due to organizing efforts led by Bill Horn, a recent arrival in Iowa who is a political operative of the conservative fundamentalist group The Report, producer of "The Gay Agenda" propaganda video.

On January 2 3,000 people attended an anti-gay rally Horn organized to oppose the curriculum implementation process. The following day, 1,500 people, most of them anti-gay, attended a marathon eight-hour public forum before the school board. According to local activists, the mob screamed, jeered, and heckled while supporters of the gay-inclusive policy testified.

The superintendent of public schools, Dr. Gary Wegenke, will make recommendations regarding implementation of the policy at the upcoming meeting. The school board president, Jacquie Easley — the first African-American woman to head the local board — supports teaching of the gay-inclusive curriculum.

Horn has stated he intends to press the conservative-dominated state legislature, including Republican-controlled House, to pass a measure barring any references to homosexuality in the public schools.▼

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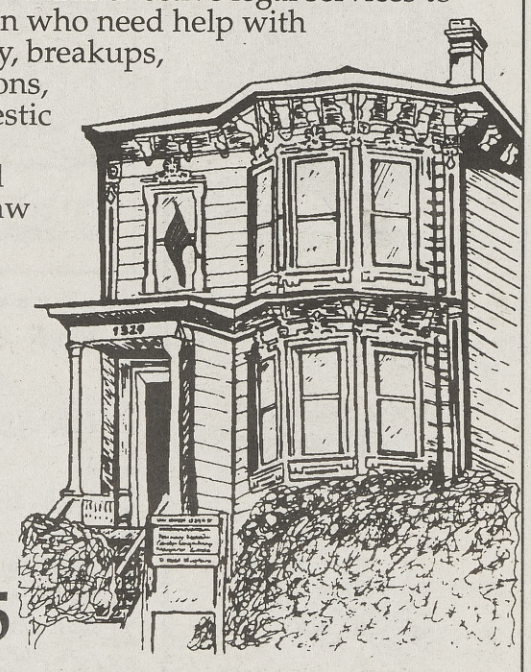
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Weatherstone is usually busy in the evenings and this evening was no exception. I asked the counter person for a house blend and gave her the twenty. She was talking to her co-worker the entire time she was ringing up my purchase, and turned back to me, pausing a moment as if to remember where she was. She handed me eight cents and turned to resume her conversation I had interrupted before, with my appearance at the counter. "Excuse me. I believe I gave you a twenty."

"No you didn't" she replied. Appearing more agitated by my interruption of her conversation, than by my accusation of a mistake.

"Um. Yes, I did. I just came from the ATM and a twenty is all I had". She sighed and opened the drawer. She pulled a twenty out of the cash slot and held it up.

"No you didn't. See." She continued holding up the bill as a testament that there was in fact only one in the drawer. I stood waiting for an explanation of how "one" twenty in the drawer refuted that I couldn't have given her one. After waiting and seeing that no explanation was forthcoming, I stopped. (You know count to ten, that sort of thing)

"Look. I *just gave* you a twenty now if you could please just count your drawer and I'm sure you'll find that there's been a mistake. It's really no big deal, I just want my change back". She looked at the line of people accumulating behind me. To her relief the shift manager stepped up to the counter. After explanations were passed, the Shift Manager said "We'll go ahead and count the drawer at the end of the shift tonight and then give you a call tomorrow."

Now really. This story goes on for several more pages, but in the end I'll tell you I *did* get the money back, with an apology once the drawer was counted. I understand mistakes happen, and *really* it wasn't so much a big deal. What left the bad taste in my mouth was an exchange I had later with the Manager, on the topic of the MGW. In itself, it is an entirely different story. What I *can* tell you is that I patronize places, that I feel, appreciate my business, places that give me their UNDIVIDED attention when I'm at the counter ready to pay for a service or product. With so many different coffee houses in Sacramento, it would seem *good* customer service is a necessity of survival, not an *extra* thrown on, like chocolate sprinkles on a mocha.

If *Weatherstone* were in my neighborhood, I still might go there. But, since I drive to downtown from East Sac, I'd just as soon head to *New Helvetia, Bernardo's, Greta's, Starbucks, Java City, Constant Cravings ...we could increase the list ad infinitum* ...but you get the picture. It's not *hard* to make an alternative choice. When asked recently by a friend if I wanted to meet him at *Weatherstone* for an espresso, I simply replied "No thanks. I can't afford the coffee there".▼

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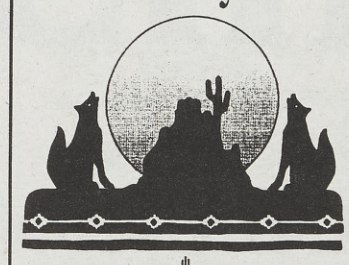

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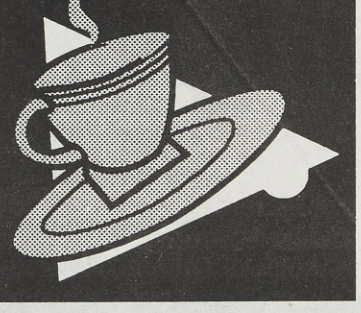

Lambda Center and deaf community connect

The Lambda Center, serving the local gay, lesbian and bisexual community, now has Telecommunication Device for the Deaf, courtesy of United Way of Sacramento Area.

The purpose of this service is to expand the Center's communication into the deaf community, and to provide AIDS information and service referrals. Karen Moors, an AmeriCorps member, is working as a liaison between the Lambda Community Center and the Northern California Center on Deafness.

The TDD/TTY machine is the first step of a major joint project in AIDS Education and Outreach into the deaf/hearing impaired community, a community that is often forgotten in the fight against AIDS.

"The deaf community has been out-of-sight, out-of-mind for too long," said Community Coordinator Karen Moors. "This program is being designed to provide services specifically for the deaf/hearing impaired population with the goal of community empowerment, to get them into the AIDS information loop."▼

Sign Theatre...

Deaf and hearing actors wanted

The Lambda Community Center is looking for actors/actresses and backstage personnel for a premiere production.

In this production, all the actors/actresses should be deaf or hearing impaired, or fluent in sign. Both one acts will be done entirely in American Sign Language.

The only voiced role will be that of the evening's interpreter.

Auditions will be held in February. Production will be in May. Info: Karen Moors, 442-0185; Anne Bates, 442-1297.▼

Fjell, Reeves, and Almquist will appear at the Palms

Judy Fjell, Northern California songwriter and local favorite, will be joined by Crystal Reeves and Karen Almquist at the Palms Saturday, February 25, at 8pm. Info: 756-9901.

Last call for entries February 28

Film fest announces premiere of *Frisk, other highlights*

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The festival is still accepting entries from film and videomakers until February 28, 1995. For more information on entering or attending the Festival, please contact Frameline, 346 Ninth St., San Francisco, CA 94013. 415-703-8658.▼

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MEDIA WATCH

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Defamation by Omission . . . Again

The September 1994 issue of *Woman's Day* magazine features an article on "How to Raise Moral Kids in an Immoral World." The author, Barbara Sofer, does not attack the morality of homosexuality. In fact, she doesn't mention lesbians or gays at all. But that's the problem.

Among her family's list of rules, Sofer writes, is: "Don't make racist or sexist remarks and jokes." Significantly, she fails to include an admonition against homophobic jokes, which are all-too-common amongst children, and which can be especially hateful and hurtful to a young gay or lesbian person. According to a survey conducted by the American Association of University Women, anti-gay epithets are the most common form of harassment experienced by young children in U.S. schools. By omitting homophobic remarks and jokes from her guidelines, Sofer fails to acknowledge the pervasiveness of a problem that regularly goes unchallenged.

Alert the editors of *Woman's Day* to this glaring omission, and suggest some topics (anti-gay name calling, gay/lesbian books for young children, Lesbian/Gay History Month in schools, etc.) that the magazine could explore in order to help parents raise healthy and enlightened kids in a homophobic world. Write to Jane Chesnutt, Editor-In-Chief, *Woman's Day*, 1633 Broadway, New York, NY 10019.▼

Gay airwaves group settles magazine dispute

The Lambda Amateur Radio Club (LARC), a national gay ham radio association, and the American Radio Relay League announced a settlement of LARC's discrimination complaint against the League for refusing to publish the gay group's notice in its classified advertising section. The favorable settlement commits the League to adopt a non-discrimination policy, and provides LARC with attorney's fees, remedies for non-compliance, and free advertising.

For more than six years, the editors of *QST*, a monthly radio-issues magazine published by the League, rejected LARC's submission of a classified advertisement that read: "'Lambda Net' club for gay hams with members nationwide and Canada. On-air skeds and newsletter. For info write..."

American Radio Delay League, which is based in Hartford, Connecticut, contended that it rejected the ad for representing a "special interest," although *QST* continued to publish ads of other ham radio clubs with memberships ranging from Jehovah's witnesses and Ayn Rand enthusiasts, to missionaries and animal rights supporters. Info: (212) 995-8585.▼

Nominations invited for 3rd annual LAVA Awards

A call for nominations has been issued for the third annual Lesbians of Achievement, Vision, and Action (LAVA) Awards. The awards, which will be presented during a benefit dinner and dance at the Hyatt Regency Embarcadero Hotel on Saturday, March 25, 1995, will benefit Bay Area Career Women's "A Fund of Our Own." This unique community-based fund, administered by the Horizons Foundation, has provided more than $100,000 in support to lesbians since it was founded in 1989. Deadline is Nov. 16, 1994. Info: (415) 495-5393.▼

Valuable guidance

NetGuide is a new magazine billed as "The Guide to Online Services and the Internet." The January 1995 issue includes "Pink Triangle," a review of 10 computer BBS sites "that cater to gay, lesbian and bisexual issues and interests." Encouraging feedback may be directed to Patrice Adcroft Editor-in-Chief, *NetGuide,* 600 Community Drive, Manhasset, NY 11030, 515-562-5000, e-mail netmail @netguide.cmp.com.

KSFO: Talk about bad news

Radio station KSFO (560 AM) in the San Francisco Bay Area recently announced a format change that does not bode well for lesbians, gays and bisexuals. The station has begun to broadcast conservative talk shows 24 hours a day. The official press release announcing the KSFO format change was headlined "Out: Political Correctness, Liberal Media, the Democratic Party. In: KSFO HotTalk 560." Among the hosts already lined up by the station are Pat Buchanan (frequent critic of godless homosexuality). Share your thoughts with Mickey Luckoff, General Manager, KGO/KSFO, 900 Front Street, SF, CA 94111, 415-398-5600, fax 415-391-2795.

Serious film

Just for Fun is a new film, especially suited for teenagers, which examines issues surrounding homophobia and violence against gays and lesbians. Info: Direct Cinema Limited, Box 10003, Santa Monica, CA 90410-1003, 800-525-0000.

Homo video

Frameline, presenter of the annual San Francisco International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival, has opened its collection to home viewers by launching *Frameline's Lesbian and Gay Cinema Collection,* the first lesbian and gay home video line available in the United States. Contact Frameline, 346 Ninth St., S.F., CA 94103, 800-439-1433.▼

Special writes

Putting Out: The Essential Publishing Resource Guide for Lesbian and Gay Writers indexes over 500 media outlets that publish or market lesbian/gay writing. Contact Cleis Press, Box 8933, Pittsburgh, PA 15221, 412-937-1555.

Currently in production

Over the Rainbow will be a feature-length documentary on the evolution of the lesbian/gay civil rights struggle in the United States. The film chronicles that journey through archival film and present-day interviews with activists and historians. Contact *Over the Rainbow,* 4583 Darrow Ct., Fremont, CA 94536.

Media briefs

● Steamy Journalism Dept. . . . The Autumn '94 issue of *STEAM* magazine — self-described as "the literate queer's guide to sex and controversy" — focuses on freedom of speech, and includes a number of probing articles "dedicated to keeping pornography legal and available." STEAM, PDA Press. Inc., 530 Howard St., #400, San Francisco, CA 94105, tel. 415-243-3228, fax 415-243-3233, e-mail steam.roller@studs.com.

● "Are Children at Risk for Sexual Abuse from Homosexuals," is an article in the July 1994 issue of the highly-respected academic journal, *Pediatrics*. The researchers estimate that "a child's risk of being molested by his or her relative's heterosexual partner is over 100 times greater than by someone who might be identifiable as being homosexual, lesbian or bisexual."

● The All-Russian Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Library and Archives — a new and unique resource available to all Russians — has issued a call for "any materials which you feel could be useful — old *Out* or *Advocate* magazines, gay or lesbian nonfiction and fiction, informational brochures and pamphlets, video cassettes, etc." Send media contributions to 125047, Moscow, P.O. Box 9, All-Russian Library, Russia; tel. 7095-297-18-96, fax 7095-383-75-53.

● *CultureWatch*, a monthly annotated bibliography on culture, art and political affairs, has become an indispensable resource for anyone fighting censorship and other right wing assaults on progressive social change. *CultureWatch*. The DataCenter, 464 19th St., Oakland, CA 94612, 510-835-4692.

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Women's health initiative modifies hormone study

The Women's Health Initiative is modifying the hormone replacement therapy arm of its landmark study of women's health.

The modification comes in a report of the Post Menopausal Estrogen/ Progestin Interventions (PEPI) Trial in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

That study shows that estrogen replacement alone or in combination with the hormone progestin improves a postmenopausal woman's risk profile for heart disease. But, the study further shows, when given alone to women with a uterus, estrogen is correlated with a high rate of endometrial hyperplasia, a not uncommon over proliferation of cells in the lining of the uterus.

While endometrial hyperplasia is neither toxic nor cancerous, if left untreated it can lead to a precancerous condition. It is, however, routinely controlled by the addition of progestin to the hormone regimen.

Hormone replacement is one of three interventions also being studied by the Women's Health Initiative, a 13-year study that includes a look at the effects of hormone replacement therapy on heart disease and bone fractures in 25,000 women who will be followed for nine years.

But in response to the PEPI findings women with a uterus enrolled in the hormone replacement arm of the WHI will no longer be randomly assigned to receive estrogen alone.

"The PEPI study showed that after three years, 37 percent of women with a uterus who were taking estrogen alone were unable to continue taking it," said internist John Robbins, WHI principal investigator at the UC Davis School of Medicine and Medical Center, one of the 16 vanguard WHI research centers.

"Some discontinued taking estrogen alone because they couldn't tolerate the side effects," he said. "And others developed endometrial hyperplasia."

While all women in WHI are routinely under close medical surveillance to ensure they don't develop problems related to the study, it makes sense, Robbins said, to discontinue the unopposed estrogen regimen for the study.

"We want to assure all women in the study that this is the best scientific direction to take," said Robbins. "Our priority is in the best interest of our volunteer participants and the integrity of WHI."

More information about the WHI, which will enroll more than 4,000 women in northern California, is available at 734-0130.▼

Heart Smart Gala benefits women's heart education

This year's UC Davis Heart Smart Gala will benefit the UC Davis Heart Center's efforts to educate women about heart disease and prevention. Heart disease is the leading cause of death among women in the United States.

Featuring heart-healthy gourmet cuisine from Sacramento's premier restaurants, the annual event will be held Tuesday, February 28 from 5:30-8pm at the Grand Capitol Plaza, 1215 J St., $35. Proceeds will go to the UC Davis Women's Cardiovascular Health Program.

The gala coincides with the American Heart Association's National Heart Month, and Governor. Pete Wilson has proclaimed February 26 through March 4 "Women's Heart Health Week." Info: 734-5513.▼

Breast cancer treatment brochure

State health Director Kim Belshé announced that a new breast cancer treatment booklet is now available to physicians for distribution to their patients.

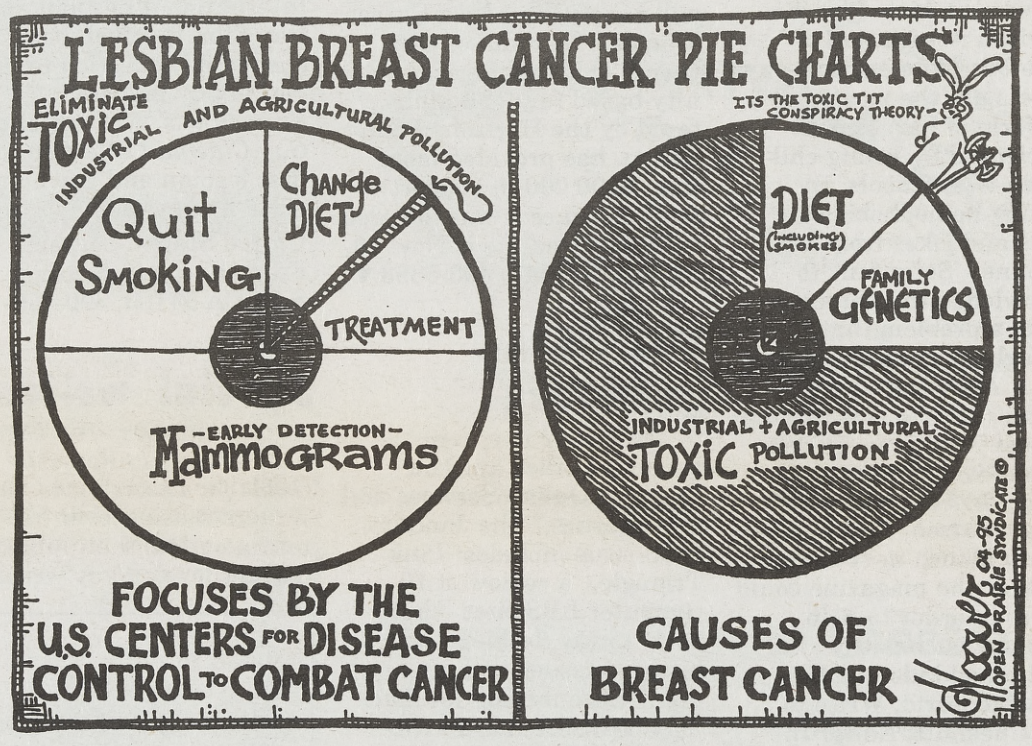
The booklet was developed in accordance with legislation (SB 112) requiring the Department of Health Services (DHS) to update breast cancer treatment information every three years. The Medical Board of California is distributing the booklet to physicians, who are to give it to their patients before a biopsy or cancer treatment is started.

Developed by ad produced in cooperation with the Board, the 32-page booklet covers diagnostic and treatment options including surgery, radiation, chemotherapy, complementary therapy, breast reconstruction, and psychosocial information.

"Research shows that after a woman hears 'you have breast cancer,' she is unlikely to take in any information or advice about treatment choices during that visit. The information provided in this booklet promotes communication between the woman and her doctor during a traumatic time," added Belshé.

To ensure that the booklet is comprehensive, up-to-date, and user-friendly for women from various ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds, it was reviewed by DHS' Breast and Cervical Cancer Advisory Council, oncologists, radiologists, breast surgeons, plastic surgeons, survivors/ advocates, physical therapists, psychosocial and literacy experts. It was also tested with women in various stages of diagnosis and treatment

Physicians should contact the Medical Board of California for copies of "A Woman's Guide to Breast Cancer Diagnosis and Treatment" by faxing requests to 916-263-2479. others may call the DHS Breast Cancer Early Detection Program at 916-445-3439 for a free copy. Kaiser Permanente, Southern California Region, made a generous contribution towards the printing of the booklet.▼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Info: (415) 703-8568.

Gender archives to be housed at USC

One of the world's largest collections of gender studies materials — including historical documents and artifacts from the gay and lesbian movement and the women's movement — will be housed at the University of Southern California and available to the general public as well as to scholars and students.

University Libraries signed an agreement with the ONE Institute to provide university space for the institute's renowned archives, which consist of more than 2 million items relating to gay and lesbian people, their history and culture — including books periodicals, pamphlets, photographs, posters, slides, films and videotapes clothing and other vintage artifacts — as well as historical documents and artifacts from the women's movement. The collection is the library's first step toward establishing the Gender Studies Archive at USC.

Third gay man found dead in Mississippi

The body of a third gay man was discovered December 11, just two months after the brutal killings of two gay men in Laurel. In a letter sent to Attorney General Janet Reno, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) Executive Director Melinda Paras updated the Department of Justice on the latest killing and reiterated NGLTF's ongoing request for a DOJ investigation. In a November response to previous requests for DOJ intervention, Assistant Attorney General Deval Patrick wrote that while the DOJ continues to monitor developments related to the murders in Jones County, federal intervention was not possible on the basis of sexual orientation.▼

Umass-Amherst GLB Alumni reforming

The University of Massachusetts are trying to revive the UMASS-Amherst GLB Alumni Association. This will allow alumni to stay in contact with one another, network, and keep in touch with the GLB community on the campus. If you or someone you know is a GLB alum of UMASS-Amherst, send name, address, telephone number, FAX number, e-mail address, major address, major, degree, and year of graduation to UMASS GLB Alumni Association; c/o Program for GLB Concerns; Box 31799; Cramptom House/ SW; University of Massachusetts; Amherst, MA 01003.▼

Hostility toward gays increasing

Political and community leaders continued to discriminate against homosexuals last year, trying to pass legislation to deprive them of civil rights and seeking to remove gay-positive books from schools and libraries, according to a report by a liberal advocacy group, entitled "Hostile Climate" documents 134 incidents of what it termed anti-gay activity in 37 states and the District of Columbia. The group counted statewide anti-gay ballot initiatives; federal or state legislative battles; court decisions; local ordinances; education-related activity; censorship; and miscellaneous incidents related to public policy. "Popular hate-filled rhetoric commonly used by religious right leaders is breathing life into a broad range of anti-gay policies and personal attacks," said Arthur J. Kropp, president of People for the American Way. "The result is a political and social climate hostile to the principles of justice and fairness that safeguard every American."▼

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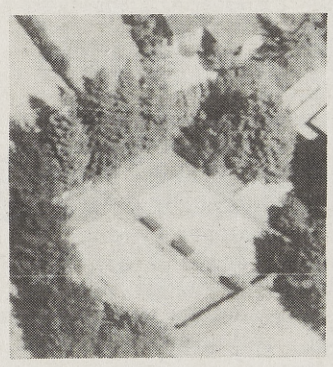

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Lambda Community Center's Youth Hotline

Calling Out For Help

by Jennifer L. Selig
MGW/Youth Editor

A few months ago, the first Sacramento hotline exclusively for gay youth began through the Lambda Community Center. Though it's off to a somewhat sluggish start as the word slowly gets out, Youth Coordinator Brian Craig is ready to pump up the volume by expanding advertising and training new volunteers to staff the line, which now operates from 7-11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights (the number is 442-7948).

With the help of Aaron, a volunteer and certified crisis line prevention worker himself, Brian is working to get the news of the hotline out, through advertising in local newspapers, flyers in schools, youth "cards", and referrals from other hotlines such as the Suicide Prevention line. Eventually they hope to expand the hours of the hotline; in addition, Brian will soon be attending a conference with the National Coalition of Youth and Sexual Orientation, and his goal is to become the central location one night a week for a national 800 number hotline that is soon beginning.

But to meet their goals, Brian and Aaron need new volunteers; they are hoping to train 15-ish in peer counseling at the end of this month and the beginning of March. The training runs approximately 40 hours, and anyone 24 and under is eligible to volunteer. Internships are available for college students, who can earn one unit for every 25 hours of work they do, so the training alone is worth well over a unit.

Brian explains that the training for peer counseling, though full of fun team-building exercises, is very rigorous in nature, and as a result, many people in the first training group dropped out. "These trainings are very self-reflective, and we make them have to deal with their own issues. I would hate to have someone call and be suicidal, and then all of a sudden the person who's supposed to be helping them freaks out over their own suicidal issues. Part of the training is looking at yourself on suicide, on HIV and AIDS, and other issues, and it gets very emotional, and not everyone can handle those emotions. We say, 'You've got to take care of yourself and if you can handle it, then you're more than welcome to help.'"

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Brian Craig
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Aaron adds that the even if the trainees never answer a phone line, what they will pick up in the training is good in and of itself. Volunteers teach the youth skills such as communication, active listening, and assertiveness; in addition, they will be able to confront their own issues and receive information on such topics as suicide prevention, date rape, homophobia, AIDS, abuse, safe-sex, and drugs.

Brian stresses that the purpose of the hotline is not therapy. "We try to promote peer counseling. They're not professionals; all they do is basically help the caller put things into perspective and help them come to terms with what's really going on. Listening to them and reflecting back what they're saying is basically what they do. And if there are things beyond our help, then we have a resource guide that the trainees use to refer them to some place that can help them better." The hotline is available for any youth confronting sexuality issues, as well as parents, family, or friends of gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgendered youth.

Though training will be available on an as-needed basis, Brian and Aaron encourage anyone who is interested to call the Lambda Center (442-0185) and volunteer as soon as possible. The dates of the next training are February 25, 26, and 28, and March 4, 7, and 12. Though there is no certain type of person they are looking for, a sense of responsibility, maturity, caring and a willingness to grow are a must.

If that description matches you, heed the call--reach out and touch someone.▼

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Gay/lesbian youth fare well despite stress from abuse

Although gay, lesbian and bisexual youths are at higher risk for behavior problems than heterosexual youths because of chronic stress from verbal and physical abuse from adults and peers, their level of self-esteem as young adults is equal to that of their heterosexual peers, according to a Cornell University study.

"The verbal and physical abuse that bisexual, lesbian and gay male youths are subject to are sources of great stress to them, are detrimental to their mental health, and can often lead to school-related problems, substance abuse, criminal activity, prostitution, running away from home and even suicide," said Ritch Savin-Williams, Ph.D., a clinical psychologist and professor of human development and family studies in Cornell's College of Human Ecology.

"Nevertheless, research indicates that there's nothing inherently mentally disturbed or psychologically unhealthy about being gay, lesbian or bisexual and that such youths show no differences from heterosexual youths in self-esteem. If there is a higher rate of social or psychological problems, it is most likely because of the stigma, prejudice and stereotypes concerning same-sex attractions."

In the first review of the scientific literature on the abuse that gay, lesbian and bisexual youth endure from adults and peers and the stress it generates, published in the *Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology* (1994, Vol. 62, No. 2), Savin-Williams, an expert on issues concerning gay, lesbian and bisexual youth found that up to three quarters of young gay men and lesbians report having been verbally or physically abused because of their sexuality; about 25 percent report threats of physical violence.

Savin-Williams also recently conducted an exploratory study of 83 gay and bisexual male youths (17 to 23 years old), published in *Developmental Psychology* (January 1995). He found that, "gay and bisexual male youths have same-gender sex but they must be secretive about it, which takes a heavy toll. Just like other youths, they struggle with issues of identity and intimacy but they encounter a world that denies their very existence and disbelieves their ability to develop same-sex romantic relationships."

As a result some are under great stress which may impair their coping abilities. They do not, however, interpret their stress as negativity toward themselves.

"They may feel condemned but don't feel they are doing anything wrong. Many persevere and cope with their hostile world and end up leading happy, productive lives with a healthy sense of self," Savin-Williams said.

However, for this to occur, they must have a "successful" adolescence, which includes resolving issues of same-sex identity and intimacy.

"Our culture and the professionals who work with sexual minorities need to realize that the experiences of gay, lesbian and bisexual youths are part of a normal existence. Nevertheless, these youths often need special or extra attention because of the added stress they are under," he said.

Savin-Williams, who teaches courses on sexual minorities and human development, estimates that about 5 or 6 percent of the population considers themselves gay, lesbian or bisexual. He suspects that a much larger percentage, however, have homoerotic attractions but do not report or act on them because of a restrictive culture.

"We need to end the invisibility of romantic relationships among gay male, lesbian and bisexual youth and validate and support their existence. If our culture and those who work with youths would do this, the well-being of millions of youths would be enhanced," Savin-Williams concluded.▼

Kings host benefit for SAF

The Sacramento Kings announced the organizations's participation in the first annual "Hoops For Hope" benefit for the SacramentoAIDS Foundation (SAF). Proceeds from special discounted tickets from the Saturday, February 18 game versus the Los Angeles Clippers will be donated to SAF. The contest will tip-off at 7:30pm at ARCO Arena.

A VIP benefit reception will be held in the fourth floor lounge of ARCO Arena at 5:30pm. A buffet dinner, no-host bar, live jazz bad, silent auction, and a luxury suite ticket are all included with a minimum donation of $250 to SAF. Individuals who have already purchased tickets to the game may participate in the pregame reception by donating $100 to SAF. All donors will receive a red-ribbon pin and a commemorative T-shirt.▼

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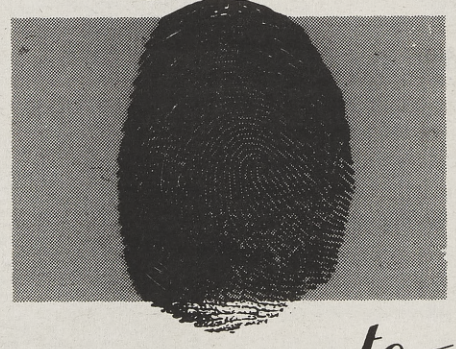
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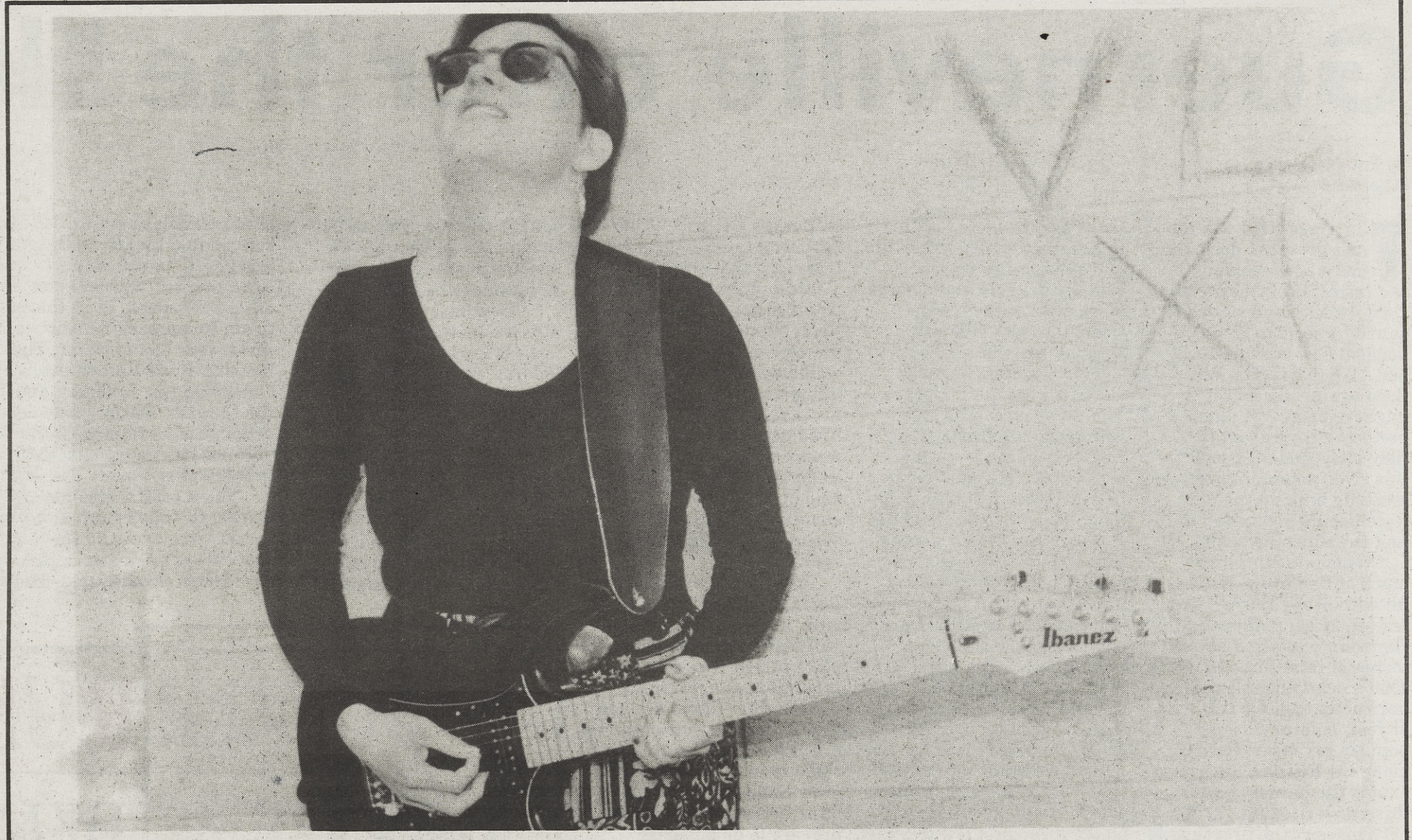

Melonnee Desireé and The Promises

This high energy rhythm and blues/blues/rock group is headed and fronted by Melonnee Desireé Pagano. Their repertoire includes some great R&B/Motown/blues and rock standards as well as excellent original material that is performed with a great deal of passion and soul. The group is currently working on a recording (CD/tape) project which will be available in the near future. The band consists of Pagano on lead vocals and guitar, Tami Talle on drums, Randy Kruger on lead guitar and vocals, Paul Whitney on bass, and Daron Novotny on keyboards. Check 'em out! The band will appear February 24-25 at The Hot & Spicy Restaurant/Bar in Old Sacramento.

Brubeck Dazzles Sacramento

Reviewed by Vicki T. Purslow
MGW/Staff

Jazz legend Dave Brubeck tickled the ivories at the Sacramento Community Center on January 13 and 14th, where his quartet performed as part of the Sacramento Symphony's Pops Series. Brubeck, who turns 75 this year, is actually a Sacramento area native who was born in Concord, raised on a ranch in Ione, and attended Stockton's University of the Pacific.

Accompanying Brubeck on drums was his son, Dan Brubeck, Sacramento native Bill Smith on clarinet, and bassist Jack Six (with whom Dave has made many recordings). The Symphony was under the direction of Russell Gloyd, who also doubled as narrator between numbers.

The first half of the program opened with some of Brubeck's lesser known works, including compositions arranged by songs Darius and Chris, also musicians. The entire first half was hampered by balance problems. Brubeck and Smith were barely audible at several points during the selections, particularly when the orchestra was playing. Fortunately, after the intermission, the sound crew balanced out the microphone levels and the audience could enjoy some of Dave's most well known pieces, including *Koto Song, Take Five,* and *Blue Rondo a la Turk.* Brubeck was in terrific form, as was clarinetist Smith, who used an echoplex to create lots of reverb in his sound. This reverb effect was particularly effective in the *Koto Song,* which the audience responded to with enthusiastic applause.

There is no doubt that Sacramento enjoyed the show, although the standing ovation as the end was not rousing. Instead, it seemed as if the audience felt obligated, perhaps out of frustration with sound trouble. Accordingly, Brubeck returned only for one encore, *Take the A Train,* as a tribute to Duke Ellington.

The Sacramento Symphony has some wonderful concerts on the horizon. If Jeans and Beer appeal, I would recommend the upcoming *Night at the Opera* (Crest Theatre, Thursday, March 2nd), where maestro Geoffrey Simon will lead the orchestra through famous arias while sharing the real unadulterated stories behind the operas. The Symphony will showcase Hispanic and Native American Music in a program to be held on Sunday, April 23, while another highlights Asian-American music (Sunday May 7). Both concerts will take place at Sacramento City College. Finally, Academy Award winning composer and conductor, Bill Conti, will lead the Symphony through a myriad of movie music, from *Batman* to *Star Wars* to *Rocky* (Community Center Theatre, May 12 and 13). Tickets for all symphony events are available at the Sacramento Symphony Box Office (449-6950) and at Bass Ticket Outlets.▼

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The river ran thru it ...

Guerneville after the floo

by Eric Newcastle
Guest Writer

The adage "God willing and the creek don't rise" has a new meaning to the residents of Guerneville, California. Supplications for sunshine seem to go unheeded. Few even dare to ask, "When will The River flood again?" for fear it might happen. Yet like the nursery rhyme about the "itsy bitsy spider," people in this river community are climbing back up their waterspouts and trying to find the sunshine again.

Sonoma County, like much of California, has been hit with heavy rainfall this winter. Much of this North Bay county has had over 40 inches of rain thus far. That's nearly double the normal amount for this time of year. Guerneville, a popular gay resort town along the Russian River, was among the hardest hit in this year's flooding.

This isn't the first time this small town has seen flooding, nor is it likely to be the last. Events in Guerneville are often dated as pre- and post-flood, referring to the disastrous 1986 deluge. The Valentine's Day Flood of 1986, which actually occurred a few days after the holiday, reached a record height of 48.75 feet, as measured at the Hacienda Bridge east of Guerneville. Flood level is 34 feet. Most of the town was under water then. That was supposed to be the flood of the century, implying that people were safe for another hundred years or so. Older residents, however, recall great floods in 1940, 1955, and 1964, all of which came close to the 1986 record. Living on The River means living with floods.

On January 10, 1995 the second largest flood ever recorded on the Russian River swept through Guerneville. The River reached a height of 48 feet. As in 1986, storms coming from the Pacific Ocean near Hawaii, the so-called Pineapple Connection, were responsible for torrential rains slamming into the northern California coast.

Winter isn't over yet. There is still concern that there may be more flooding in Sonoma County before the end of the rainy season. Usually the greatest amount of rainfall for the North Coast is in late January through early March.

Flood waters have subsided, but the impact of The River's power is still being felt. Hundreds of residents in the low-lying areas of Guerneville had to be evacuated during the '95 flood. Many people along the Russian River have lost their homes. Few home owners along The River have flood insurance, either because it is too expensive or they are uninsurable. Most businesses in the area were fortunate enough to be insured, though it often wasn't adequate to cover all their losses. No insurance or assistance funds can totally cover loss of income during the flood and its aftermath.

In these first few weeks after the flood the task of cleanup seems overwhelming. Dumpsters filled with debris and piles of discarded furniture is still a common sight in post-diluvial Guerneville. The usual quiet of this river community is punctuated by the sound of helicopters, earth moving equipment and large trucks hauling people and supplies. Beaches along The River have been badly eroded. Everywhere there is the smell of wet mud and plaster.

Walking through town one sees dramatic contrasts. Some areas were hardly touched by flood water, while others were devastated. The most heavily affected establishments are reminiscent of World War II bombed-out buildings of Dresden or London. Only damp wooden frames remain. Like monuments they stand in defiance of the awesome power of this river.

There is a spirit of hopeful tenacity that pervades Guerneville. You don't hear many people complaining here. There is eve good-natured humor to be found. Displayed on the marquee of the Rio movie theatre in nearby Monte Rio are the words, "The river ran thru it. But it's OK now." This optimism typifies people who live along this river.

Judy Boyce, the executive director of the Russian River Chamber of Commerce, when asked why she would want to continue living along the Russian River responded, "If you lived here the other 50 weeks of the year, you would understand. This is a fabulous place to live. We are expecting a spectacular spring and the best summer ever."

Year-round Russian River residents, affectionately known as River Rats, still believe this is a great place to live. They are rebuilding and trying to restore their life to normal. The California Conservation Corps has been helping with cleanup in the Guerneville area. Shop owners scrub their floors and walls and prepare to do business. Neighbor helps neighbor and everyone seems to be doing their part in the recovery process. "Locals dropped by and volunteered to help us cleanup. Now I'm trying to pay some of them for their hard work," said Doug Giles, general manager of the Russian River Resort. Gail Lyman-Reynolds, owner-broker of Great River Properties said, "It's a very beautiful area. Those who have lived here will not move."

Most of the businesses on Main Street in Guerneville are now open or soon will be. According to Boyce approximately one third of the businesses in Guerneville were not affected by the "95 flood, one third expect to be up and running by April, and the remainder will be operational by this summer. This does not include the resorts The Woods, which has been for sale for several months, or Fifes, which may not be able to reopen.

Several of the businesses in Guerneville are gay or lesbian owned or gay friendly. Gay tourist dollars are essential to the local economy. "We welcome our old friends back" said Boyce. "It's important for the gay tourist to know that accommodations [in Guerneville and the surrounding area] are going to be adequate."

Those most severally affected by the flood have been helped by various state, federal, and local agencies or the many volunteers at the Local Assistance Center (LAC) and the Recovery Operations Center (ROC) in Guerneville. Barbara Day, manager for the LAC, which was at the vacant Bank of America Building, said this was the first time, to her knowledge, such a large collection of county services has been made available under one roof. "We are fortunate in having use of this building."

During the flood, some Guerneville residents used canoes to travel about town. This is the image portrayed on television. While it makes for public sympathy, it is often misleading however.

All of downtown Guerneville was not several feet of water.

Only the lowest-lying areas and those homes and businesses nearest the Russian River or the surrounding creeks suffered substantial damage. Main Street (also known as River Road) in Guerneville has a gradual slope from east to west and from north to south. Only a few doors down the street was often the difference between a few inches of water and a few feet. On the east side of town, at the corner of Main and Church, the By the Book bookstore received six inches of water. The Curtis Chase frame shop and art gallery, only half a block away, was under two feet of water.

The west end of town was generally the hardest hit. It is lower-lying and closer to Fife Creek, which contributed greatly to the flooding. The Safeway supermarket, which is just east of the creek, is on this of town. Its parking lot was under four feet of water. The Russian River Resort, the Creekside Inn & Resort, and the Camelot Resort (now called Avalon Resort), were all under water up past their first floors.

Those establishments having the misfortune to be in low-lying areas on the east side of town also experienced high flood waters. The Breeze Inn, The Willows, The Hiding Place, and Ziggurat were all under several feet of water.

Fifes, the largest gay resort in Guerneville, was among the hardest hit of the businesses along the Russian River. Fifes has flooded several times in the past and has been through multiple ownerships. The resort is situated between Fife Creek on the east and the Russian River on the south. Fifes was almost entirely under water. According to Jim Wattenburger, it is his understanding, in speaking with Sonoma County Supervisor Ernie Carpenter and county building inspectors, that it is "unlikely Fifes will reopen." Main buildings, while still standing, were red tagged on January 19, indicating they are unsafe to enter at this point. Fences enclosing the property on River Road were leveled during the flood. The parking lot is filled with mud and debris. Whether or not they can reopen or rebuild, the owners face substantial losses.

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resorts along the Russian River could mean loss of some business of Guerneville and the surrounding community.

Other resorts and bed and breakfast facilities in the area are cleaning-up and preparing to take up the slack if Fifes doesn't reopen. Except for Fifes, all resorts and B&Bs that were open before the flood will reopen shortly. That's well before the summer tourist season.

The Russian River Resort, known by locals as the Triple R, experienced losses in excess of $1 million. Their entire first floor was flooded, leaving only sinks and toilets unscathed. Plaster walls had to be removed leaving behind the wooden frame. General manager Doug Giles expects to begin reopening in about three weeks, with a new bar, followed shortly thereafter by the restaurant. "We're going to have an exciting new look," Giles said. The Triple R expects to be fully operational before Women's Weekend, the first weekend in May.

The Camelot Resort, now renamed Avalon Resort, after the myth of the water-bound resting place of King Arthur, faces similar losses. Owner Jack Allen hopes to reopen by Memorial Day and will be remodeling slightly to include a bar and cafe. Allen is also interested in the possibility of including a micro-brewery on the premises. His only complaint has been the slowness of his insurance company in releasing much-needed funds.

Doug Donaghy, proprietor of the Paradise Cove Resort, feels that he is lucky. "Although I got a foot and a half of water, it only left a little silt." He anticipates reopening by Valentine's Day.

Molly's Country Club (formerly Molly Brown's Saloon) was under eight feet of water during the latest flood, only a foot below the '86 flood mark. The new owners have taken their losses in stride though. They look forward to a new look, but still keeping that country charm. The remodeled establishment will have country western dancing, a bar and a restaurant. Molly's Country Club expects to reopen by mid-March. "We will definitely be open by Women's Weekend," said Sheila an employee for many years.

Rick Reese, owner of The Willows, a bed and breakfast establishment with camping available on the five acres grounds, expects to reopen as early as mid-February. Despite 18 inches flooding into his second story residence, Reese anticipates a boom summer. "We are open year-round. We will probably be better than ever."

"I'm one of the worse [places hit] you will probably see," said Nancy Van Praag, co-proprietor of the Breeze Inn Bar-B-Que and present chair of the Russian River Chamber of Commerce. All the plasterboard had to be removed, leaving only a shell. Van Praag and her partner Delores Rodriguez remain hopeful and plan to reopen by late April. "The biggest help anybody can give us is to come by here and spend some money. Come back and support us. We will be ready for the [tourist] season."

Lalita's Mexican Restaurant and the Rainbow Cattle Company were both able to reopen within a day or two after the flood. Lalita's had very little water come in. The Rainbow had a few inches. Owners of these establishments were able to cleanup with no problems.

An inconvenience to many along The River has been the closing of the Guerneville office of Face to Face. Face to Face, an AIDS service agency, was forced to move to their Santa Rosa office. They managed to save computer equipment and client files out of their building on River Road. According to Andrea Learned, executive director of Face to Face, the organization will be returning shortly to Guerneville.

Sonoma County is known for its fine wine and exquisite wineries. Grapevines are not expected to be adversely affected by the recent flooding. They are dormant this time of year and can withstand a great deal of water.

Beaches and parks along the Russian River, while still littered with mud and debris, are expected to be cleaned-up by mid-March, according to Realtor Pete Sheridan, who is the chair of the Russian River Recreation and Parks District. Johnston's Beach is expected to be reopened by mid-May. The ever popular gay cruising area by Wohler Bridge is intact, though still very wet.

There can be no doubt about the human tragedy caused by the 1995 flood. Nevertheless, Guerneville is a community that thrives in the midst of such adversity. A sign posted in the window of the Brew Moon coffee shop on Main Street sums it up well. "Some folks take the waters, some soak in it, we attempt to rise above it."▼

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What's open?

The following list of business establishments and when they expect to be open is not meant to be exhaustive. Times for reopening are best guess estimates from the proprietors. At least one third of the businesses in Guerneville are presently functioning.

For more complete information and the most current status of Russian River businesses, call the Russian River Chamber of Commerce or the Gay and Lesbian Business Association. Both numbers are available 24 hours a day.

Name of Business	Projected opening
Applegate Estate	Open
Avalon Resort (formerly Camelot)	Memorial Day
Breeze Inn Bar-B-Que	Late April
Brew Moon Coffeehouse	Open
By the Book (bookstore)	February
Creekside Inn & Resort	April 1
Fife's	Closed indefinitely
Lalita's (Mexican restaurant)	Open
Molly's Country Club	Mid-March
Paradise Cove	Valentine's Day
Quicksilver Mine Co.	Open
Rainbow Cattle Company	Open
Russian River Resort (Triple R)	May 1 (bar open sooner)
The Willows	Mid-February
The Woods	Closed ~ for sale
Ziggurat (dance club)	Valentine's Day (bar open sooner)

First major exhibition explores "queer" art in the 20th Century

Running through April 9 at **Berkeley's University Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive (UAM/PFA),** the exhibition **In a Different Light** is the **first major museum exhibition** to explore the resonance of gay and lesbian experience in 20th-Century American art. Co-organized by noted Bay Area artist and curator Nayland Blake and UAM/PFA Curator for 20th-Century Art Lawrence Rinder, the three-gallery exhibition includes over 125 works by nearly 100 artists - gay, lesbian, and straight. While focusing on works made during the past three decades, **In a Different Light** includes art from earlier generations to suggest a historical context for the dynamic and innovative work of this contemporary generation of gay and lesbian artists. The exhibition kicks off the museum's 25th anniversary year with the kind of innovative and risk-taking examination of visual culture for which the UAM/PFA is internationally renowned.

Instead of inquiring "What does lesbian or gay art look like?," the curators asked "How are queer artists looking at the world?" Much of the work they ended up selecting "has less to do with representing gay and lesbian lives than with conveying gay and lesbian views of the world," writes Rinder, "It is outward-looking gregarious, and concerned ... these young artists present vital messages of rage, survival, hope, pleasure, and compassion." These "messages" are conveyed in almost every possible medium: painting, sculpture, photography, drawing, print, ceramic, video, and a wildly eclectic explosion of mixed media works.

Among the nearly 100 artists included in the exhibition are: Vito Acconci, Diane Arbus, Louise Bourgeois, Romaine Brooks, Joseph Cornell, Charles Demuth, Marcel Duchamp, Louise Fishman, General Idea, Keith Haring, Marsden Hartley, Eva Hesse, Jasper Johns, Robert Mapplethorpe, Catherine Opie, Man Ray, Betye Saar, Jack Smith, and Andy Warhol. Although the exhibition includes work by lesbian, gay and straight artists, the curators decided not to indicate the artists' sexual orientation in the exhibition. Blake says, "That decision was reached to let people now that these ideas that we are talking about have implications for straight people, straight artists as well as gay and lesbian artists. In many show based on identity politics, it becomes very easy to localize the concerns, as being only the concerns of 'these people'. And people approach those shows like they're ethnographic shows or something like that. That you go in and look at the customs and ideas of these people. We really wanted to open that back up again."

The exhibition is accompanied by a 256-page catalog, also called **In a Different Light,** available in March 1995 and published by San Francisco's City Lights Books. It includes black-and-white illustrations of the works exhibited, with essays by co-curators Lawrence Rinder and Nayland Blake, as well as observations on the changing landscape of gay and lesbian culture by a number of curators who have organized landmark exhibitions on this subject: Dan Cameron, Pam Gregg, Harmony Hammond, Richard Hawkins, Dennis Cooper, and Simon Watson. Edited by Blake, Rinder and City Lights editor Amy Scholder, the catalog also contains a lively selection of writings on the power of visual culture, including pieces by Kathy Acker, Matthew Stadler, Carmelita Tropicana, Jewelle Gomez, Volerie Solanas, Jack Smith, Bertha Harris, Jill Johnston, Lawrence Chua, and G.B. Jones. ($15 paperback; available at the UAM/PFA Bookstore in March).

Public Programs

In conjunction with **In a Different Light,** the museum has scheduled a series of gay and lesbian-themed films and videos on alternate Thursdays from February through April, curated by UAM/PFA curators Kathy Geritz and Steve Seid. Also, the UAM/PFA presents a trio of performances: a "queer take-over" of the talk show format hosted by performance drag queen and presidential candidate Joan Jett Blakk on February 2, a signature table-top "spectacle" by performance artist/video maker Stuart Sherman, and a reading of two new plays by Bay Area playwrights Kevin Killian and Camille Roy.

Info: 24-hour recorded message: (510) 642-0808.▼

Arbess Williams to appear at Buffalo Club

Queen of the Delta Blues, Arbess Williams, a big, black, beautiful woman whose vocals cast a captivating spell. Arbess is gusty and wicked. She is very clear about the direction she is going and is committed to taking the audience along for the ride. Arbess Williams isn't an unusual find in today's's Blues market. She, like many others, was blessed with an incredible talent. First appearing in her aunt's church in San Diego, she was raised on Gospel Music and traditional Blues. Sharing the stage, back then, with Aretha Franklin at age 11. She idolized her and still does. Her first song was recorded at age 15, *Broken Hearted Girl.* The song misinterpreted by listeners, was written about her father, not a lost love. All things considered, like many other Blues artists, she is an excellent vocalist, songwriter, and entertainer. Although one thing sets Williams apart from the others, that being her relationship with her audience. See ad in this issue for details.▼

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One woman's fight for justice ...

by Stefan Grünwedel
MGW/Staff

***Death and the Maiden*. Starring Sigourney Weaver, Ben Kingsley, and Stuart Wilson. Directed by Roman Polanski.**

Crime is not supposed to pay. The truth is often different, however, especially when a government regime is responsible for torturing political dissidents. Besides the difficult task of ferreting out the individuals responsible for atrocious acts, ascertaining their actual involvement may relay on questionable — if sincere — testimonies from victims who were really unaware of their interrogators' true identities.

Geraldo Escobar (Wilson) has just been appointed by the new president of the South American country he lives in to head official investigations into alleged acts of brutality by the former regime against political dissidents. His wife, Paulina (Weaver), is one of the many dissidents who was kidnapped and tortured to expose her comrades. When chance brings Dr. Robert Miranda (Kingsley) into their house, she realizes with amazement that her torturer has been delivered to her door.

Tying him up, she wants him to feel what she felt, although she's not sure how. Her emotions are complex and contradictory: she wants to torture him to death, but she also simply wants him to admit his guilt — nothing more.

A courtroom atmosphere quickly develops: she as the prosecutor (and potential executioner), her husband as the defense attorney, and we as the jury. But will there be real justice, or has Paulina sealed Miranda's fate?

Death and the Maiden forces you to question your basic understandings about the morality of revenge, the veracity of testimonials, and the certainty of witnesses. When you don't know the whole truth, whom do you guard: the accuser or the accused? Our system rationalizes that the accused is innocent until proven guilty, but emotions may demand the opposite.

Although Paulina was blindfolded during her humiliating experiences, she remembers the scent and personality of her tormentor — a description that seems to fit Miranda precisely.

Sigourney Weaver interrogates Ben Kingsley in Roman Polanski's truth-seeking thriller *Death and the Maiden*.

Geraldo's challenge is how much to trust his wife's memory. As the president's handpicked investigator, he must adhere to jurisprudence more rigidly than his wife is willing to.

High marks go to the cast and director, who manage to transfer this stage play by Ariel Dorfman successfully to the screen without resorting to irrelevant action scenes, special effects, or violence The intensity is in the human drama you witness.

Probably the most courageous part of this film is the way it ends. Rather than take the easy way out, it maintains the complexity of the three characters' coexistence. It's a truer reality than we'd like to believe.

Death and the Maiden is playing at Landmark's Sacramento Inn Cinema.▼

Another woman's struggle for dignity

by Stefan Grünwedel
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***Ladybird, Ladybird*. Starring Crissy Rock ad Vladimir Vega. Directed by Ken Loach.**

If there's one thing to learn from Ken Loach's *Ladybird, Ladybird,* it's that the social services bureaucracy is currently ill-equipped to help battered women seek genuine comfort for themselves and their children.

Maggie (Rock) has not had an enviable life. She has had four children from as many abusive lovers. Dependent on Britain's social services, she has to prove continually to the social workers and courts that she is a fit mother, worthy of keeping her children, even if she cannot guarantee a peaceful home. It's not that she is abusive, it's that her lovers who live with her — or the shelters she lives in when she seeks refuge from them — erode her dignity.

Jorge (Vega), a poet from Paraguay, spies her in a karaoke bar and reads the suffering on her face and in her voice. Her inner distress compels him to help her. He does not realize how difficult a task this will be for him.

It is not easy to watch Maggie's attempts to free herself from her vicious cycle of living. Sharp-tongued, she confounds the social workers who strive to help her. To her, they simply want to take away her children, no matter what; to them, she is incapable of providing a safe and peaceful home for her children, no matter how much she genuinely loves them. Jorge is caught in the middle: feeling the relentless humiliation and sorrow that Maggie endures when their infant is wheeled away by uniformed police, yet wanting to find a peaceful solution to convince the authorities that he is not just another abusive lover and that their children deserve their love and their home — no one else's.

Vladimir Vega and Crissy Rock endure a social worker's judgment in Ken Loach's *Ladybird, Ladybird.*

Considering the intense emotional range exhibited by Crissy Rock, it is astounding to realize that this is her acting debut. She's great at expressing both Maggie's rage at the faceless system and hesitant attraction to Jorge.

Although the real Maggie and Jorge ultimately succeeded in raising a family, this fact is left to a terse message flashed on the screen at the end. *Ladybird, Ladybird* concerns itself only with Maggie's futile fight for her dignity. It would be nice (though perhaps in another movie) to see just how she and Jorge accomplished their later success.

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Santa Fe's first gay talk radio show, "Out, Loud, and Proud" on KVSF AM 1260, came alive in October as the local event for the annual gay holiday National Coming Out Day. The Santa Fe Lesbian Gay, Bi Pride Committee, the local nonprofit that creates the annual Gay Pride festival and other community building events, produces the professional weekly show to respond to the likes of Rush Limbaugh.

"In this city of acceptance there was Rush Limbaugh many hours a week, humorously bashing people commonly known as liberals and Democrats. That tone does great damage to this wonderfully diverse community. So, we decided to respond by showcasing the phenomenal gay community here," said Lynn Shepodd, president of the Gay Pride Committee and co-host of "Out, Loud, and Proud." "It's a positive response to those who would rather create scapegoats than problem solve together."

Three months after "Out, Loud, and Proud" first went on the air in Santa Fe, Santa Feans took part in a KVSF poll and Santa Fe became the first town in the nation to send Rush Limbaugh's show packing.

"Out, Loud, and Proud" airs Sunday mornings at 10 for one hour. We could use more time because we have segments on Gay News, Arts and Entertainment, a local Gay Community Calendar with interviews with gay folks and allies on topics such as Coming Out Gay Activism in the Hispanic Community, Health, Gay parenting, Legislative Issues, Gay Youth, Lesbian Film Making and much more," Shepodd continued. "Then the callers, some of whom are not gay, add that extra spark that makes talk radio so popular. We have so much fun, the time just flies."

Co-host (Michael Norman) "Haynes" describes the show as "lively, raucous, and definitely outrageous".

"What makes this show unique is that it is entirely locally sponsored and produced," said Tasha Curtis, co-producer. "This is extraordinary for a market the size of Santa Fe."

Lynn Shepodd and Michael Norman (Hayes) Photo/Lisa Goldberg

Haynes is a former AIDS educator who hosted a live call-in cable TV show in Chicago. Lynn is the former Executive Director of National Coming Out Day, the current executive director of Santa Fe CARES the local umbrella AIDS organization, and chair of the Governor's Task Force on HIV/AIDS.▼

Annual Lambda Literary Awards nominations open

Lambda Book Report opened nominations for the Seventh Annual Lambda Literary Awards. The "Lammys," recognizing excellence in gay and lesbian writing and publishing, will be presented during a gala banquet at the Palmer House in Chicago, Illinois, on Friday, June 2 during the American Booksellers Association Convention.

Designed to recognize excellence in gay and lesbian book publishing, the Lammys have witnessed an unprecedented and still expanding boom. Last year's Awards ceremony was an unqualified success, with tickets selling out weeks before the banquet. Deacon Maccubbin, publisher of the *Lambda Book Report,* which sponsors the Awards, said "Each year the pool from which we draw the finalists and winners of the Lambda Literary Awards grows in size and depth. We are delighted to once again honor the many outstanding achievements of the gay and lesbian community, and we are proud that the Lammys can play a part in the celebration of our literary tradition."

Some changes have been made in this year's Lammy categories. There will be two categories for anthologies one for fiction and one for nonfiction. In response to the increasing numbers of foreign gay and lesbian titles distributed in the United States, English-language titles published outside the U.S. but distributed here will be eligible for nomination. The public is invited to nominate their favorite gay and lesbian books of 1994 in 17 categories: Lesbian Fiction, Gay Men's Fiction, Lesbian Studies, Gay Men's Studies, Lesbian & Gay Anthologies/Fiction, Lesbian & Gay Anthologies/Nonfiction, Lesbian Biography/ Autobiography, Gay Men's Biography/Autobiography, Lesbian Mystery, Gay Men's Mystery, Lesbian & Gay Humor, Lesbian & Gay Science Fiction/Fantasy, Lesbian & Gay Drama, Lesbian Poetry, Gay Men's Poetry, Lesbian & Gay Small Press Book Award (for a single book published by a gay men's or lesbian press), and Children's/Young Adult, for the increasing number of gay and lesbian related books aimed at young readers.

Five finalists in each category will be announced nationally on February 27. Seventy-five judges, representing a broad cross-section of the entire lesbian and gay literary community, will then select a single book in each category from among the finalists. Award recipients will not be announced until the night of the banquet.

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Odds and Ends/Of Interest To Pet Lovers

By Joan B Guertin
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The rains came, and now, hopefully, they are gone for the duration. Most of us have had our fill of muddy paw prints on our floors, caked mud on our outdoor dogs and the moodiness that hits us all, man and animal alike, with this gray weather. However, some words of warning regarding this wet spell: It has brought us some other concerns, namely, mosquitoes and fleas!

In case you hadn't noticed, the mosquitoes are out in force. They are a natural by-product of standing water, which we have an abundance. It is wise to make sure that your dog is on a heartworm preventative. If your dog is not on a preventative, get into the vet ASAP and get a heartworm test and make sure that the pup is clean, then start the preventative. It is a year-round necessity for our dogs health. If you have questions about heartworm, be sure and talk to your vet. He or she will have pictures of what happens when the mosquito transmits via the bloodstream, into the heart where the worms grow until the literally strangle the dog.

It isn't a pretty sight. One of the symptoms is a persistent cough.

The other pest that has been brought out in full-force due to the unseasonably warm weather and no freeze this year, is the flea. These pesky critters can make your life and that of your dog and cat just miserable. I'm already getting calls regarding ways to control the critters. I can't stress enough that it has to begin NOW. There is not "I will do it later". A single flea can lay a million eggs which in turn hatch and begin feeding on your cat or dog.

Premise control and treatment of animals is vital, You can't do one without the other and expect to keep your pets flea free. It is inconvenient, it is costly but

ignoring the problem does not make it disappear. It will get worse. Some of the side effects of flea bites will be tapeworm in your pets, skin allergies, and even anemia if it is a heavy infestation. Particularly vulnerable are the outdoor dogs with heavy coats. Surface grooming does nothing, as underneath, the mats harbor colonies of fleas. In some cases it may be necessary to have a groomer shave the dog and start over.

If you move into a new home, be sure and treat carpets as fleas can lie dormant for years before hatching, particularly if no host (a pet or human) is available for feeding.

There are many products available for treating pet and property. One that I ran across at the Cow Palace last weekend is Greg's Green Earth Yard and Carpet Powder. It is applied indoors and outdoors in powder form much like Flea Busters (which is only effective indoors, incidentally) and appears safe for both animals and people and is endorsed as an environmentally friendly product by The Humane Society of the United States. For information call Ronald S. Lippert, AHT, at (415) 664-3469, or write New Methods, P.O. Box 22605, San Francisco, CA 94122-0605.

Of course, your local feed store, pet shop and veterinarian are good sources for information on flea control. I personally prefer those that are non-toxic and contain Insect Growth Regulators (IGR'S) for a long-term kill. Readers can call me at 485-2201 and I will gladly offer more information on what I use for effective control.

Once the premises and pets have been treated, I use good old reliable Avon Skin-So-Soft as a repellent for my dogs. The dilution is one ounce to a gallon of water and lightly misted over the dog with a spray bottle. When going for walks or to the park, I also mist my pant legs so I don't inadvertently pick up any fleas. This is also an effective repellent for the mosquitoes.

Once you've taken care of these things, enjoy the balmy weather and the trees and flowers that are already in bloom thanks to an abundance of water.▼

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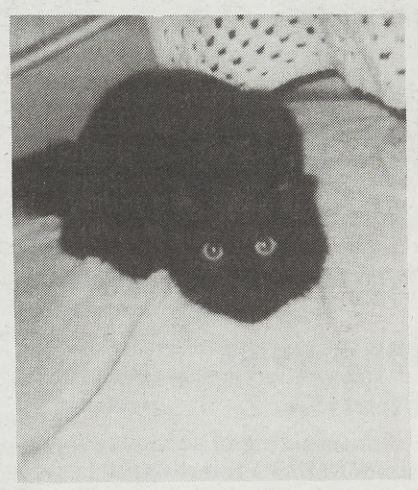

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HIV NEWSLINE

On the HIV front...

By Sonya Cox
AIDS/HIV Editor

King's game benefit...

An unfolding of sections of the NAMES Project Quilt will open the Kings/LA Clippers Game on Saturday Feb 18 at ARCO Arena. The evening is a benefit for the Sacramento AIDS Foundation, and a portion of tickets sales will help support SAF programs and clients. NAMES merchandise will be available on the concourse throughout the evening. Sportsfans, y'all come! Call 448-2437 for additional info.

HIV/abuse link? ...

A report from the University of Alabama Center for AIDS Research suggests that childhood sexual abuse appears to be directly related to later sexual behavior that is high risk for HIV. In the study, 65 percent of HIV positive participants reported being sexually abused as children. A second study reported that those experiencing abuse became sexually active earlier, were less likely to use a condom, were more likely to use drugs, and had a greater number of sexual partners. Abused men were twice as likely to be HIV positive than their nonabused peers.

AZT/DDI study...

A recent National Cancer Institute study shows that using AZT and DDI simultaneously may be more effective than alternating the two drugs, especially as an initial treatment regimen. Reseachers say including AZT in the DDI treatment program blocks or significantly delays the emergence of enzyme mutation that causes the virus to development resistance to DDI. People in both arms of the study experienced a significant reduction in viral load over a two-year period, but the reduction was greater in people using the drugs simultaneously. Further trials hope to more specifically determine the most effective duration of the two regimens.

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Most infectious time? ...

A University of Michigan study says people are most infectious during the first two months after acquiring the HIV virus, and that this initial period may even be the key factor in controlling transmission of the virus and the spread of the epidemic. The study says the rate of contageousness just after infection may be as high as 100 to 1,000 times more than in the asymptomatic years following, and that gay men may be infectious as many as 3 out of every 10 encounters during this two-month period. Since HIV antibodies do not appear until the end of this two-month period, a person with a negative blood test may have a better chance of being highly contagious than a person with a positive test. Researchers hope that future vaccines, although they may not block HIV transmission, may at least reduce the level of cantageousness during this period. "Evidence shows that the less severe the primary infection, the longer it takes AIDS to develop," they say, so even an imperfect "vaccine" could still have a major impact on the HIV epidemic. Unfortunately, say the researchers, current vaccine trials are looking at prevention of transmission, rather than at blocking viral growth. The scientists say they studied the blood of over 8,000 gay men in San Francisco and Chicago, and over 1,100 cases of heterosexual transmission to extract their data.

No glove, no love...

Artist Mike McNeilly, famous for issue-oriented mega-murals across the country, recently completed a 20-story mural in Manhattan in which his super heroine says "If you choose to have sex NOW, use a condom, correctly! No Excuses — No Glove, No Love!" The 300-foot-high mural also carries the Center for Disease Control's hotline number: 800-342-AIDS. Three similar murals are planned for Paris, Tokyo and Los Angeles. Currently, one million Americans are thought to be HIV positive. Each day, the number worldwide grows by 10,000.

Healthy volunteers to test vaccine...

HIV-negative men and women in San Francisco will be the first in the world to test an oral vaccine to see if it stimulates antibodies in mucous membranes enough to prevent transmission of the AIDS virus. SF General Hospital researchers say the first phase of the trial will include 24 people in which the effectiveness of the oral vaccine is compared to a similar injectible version. This phase of the trial is to determine the best way to administer the vaccine. Oral vaccines have to stand up to the acidic content of the digestive system. Early lab tests of the injected vaccine show it to effectively stimulate the immune system. It could be years, they say, before larger numbers of people are tested to examine other elements of the vaccine. Researchers are currently recruiting vounteers, who will be monitored for a year after taking the vaccine.

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Sacramento readers are invited to add the names of their loved ones to MGW's remembrance column. Please call 648-1120 at least 30 days prior to the anniversary month of your loss.▼

Gene therapy test...

In the first attempt to fight AIDS with gene therapy, three HIV-positive volunteers have been given fake, slightly askew genes to see if this will discourage or throw off the virus' ability to manufacture copies of itself. Extracted blood is treated, and then infused back into the volunteers' bloodstream. In test tubes, a mutant gene inserted into T-helper cells seemed to stop viral reproducton. However, with HIV it's hard to be optimistic, say researchers, because this virus has thus far defeated all efforts to stop it. Nonetheless, the science on this is elegant, says Dr. Anthony Fauci of the National Institute of Infectious Diseases, and tests will tell if this avenue can be pursued.▼

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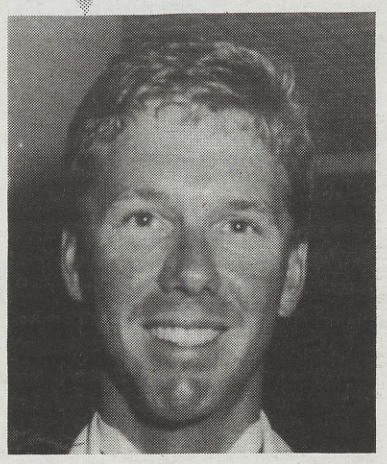


Scott "Baby Scooter" Alderson

On January 10, at age 38 (and going to extreme lengths to avoid ever turning 40) our dear friend Scott Alderson, aka Baby Scooter, enrolled in the great gourmet catering service in the sky.

Those of us who knew and lived him, know that if he had to leave us, it couldn't have happened in a more peaceful manner. Scott was spending the holidays vacationing in Lake Isabella, California, at the home of his sister Charlene and brother-in-law Jay Ryan, and had enjoyed a fun, festive Christmas Day. He fell ill the following morning, and spent the next two weeks in the hospital surrounded by family and friends. At the moment of his passing, a nurse born and raised in Hawaii, a scarce 20 miles from where Scooter had been living for the past five years, sang the Aloha song. Charlene and Jay were also at his bedside.

Scott was a man who loved life, who loved to entertain, to cook, to travel. In short, to live life to the fullest. It was his spirit of adventure that saw him embark on the high seas, working the last years of his life for American Hawaii Cruises. Prior to enlisting as a Seaman, Scott spent many years in the Sacramento area, working for, among others, Garbeaus Dinner Theater and John Q's. He leaves behind many, many dear friends including his former companion of four years Gary Coates, plus David Galbraith, John Batchelor, Ray Dale, Jim Fitzpatrick, Pete Walsh, Jeff Byers,Russ Sehn and many more too numerous to mention.

In addition to Charlene and Jay Ryan, family survivors include his sister Debbie Reed, brothers

Courtney Tripptree and Randy Wong, mother Shirley Hamblin, grandmother Mildred Alderson, brother-in-law Al Reed, sister-in-law Leslie Tripptree, and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Scott's life was held on January 27 at Jim and Pete's home. In keeping with what Scott would have wanted, many of his friends and family members gathered to eat, drink and be merry. And while a good time was had by all, there were many touching moments as Baby Scooter stories were recounted and remembered by those attending. One favorite story was the time Scooter roller-skated home - halfway across Midtown - from the Power Plant, dressed only in a diaper as Baby New Year, his costume for the "Dress as Your Favorite Holiday Party" of 1982. Longtime friend David Galbraith, in summing up the Celebration, said " Scott was many things to many people. To know him was to love him. Probably the thing that made Scott the happiest in life, that gave him the most pleasure, was entertaining, making other people happy. He would have been so pleased with today's festivities."

Remembrances may be made to Big Island AIDS Project. P.O.Box 11510, Hilo, HI 96720

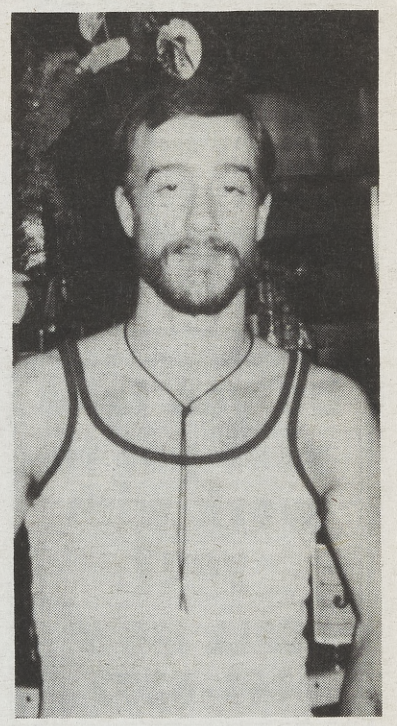
So long Baby Scooter. You'll be forever missed. And forever loved.▼

Gerald "Jerry" W. Moyer, Jr.

Jerry was a long time resident of Sacramento, his home from 1976 to 1989 when he relocated to Santa Cruz. Many people remember him as a popular bartender at the Power Plant, The Rose and Cleo's.

A traditional obituary seems so inappropriate for someone like Jerry; he was the most fun, the most loving, caring and thoughtful friend anyone could every hope to have. He was always there when someone needed him, ready to help, giving of himself unselfishly.

He loved to surprise people with special little gifts and considerations. He never let a birthday anniversary or holiday go by without pomp and circumstance. He loved to celebrate things that were special to the people around him. His favorite holiday was Christmas and he knew the true meaning and spirit of the season.



Jerry's passion was Roller Derby. He began training while he was still in high school, even before he could drive. After moving to Sacramento, he continued his training in the East Bay and was eventually selected as a rookie member of the San Francisco Bay Bombers. He was a renowned skater for the Bombers for several years. He retired from skating in 1984.

Jerry passed from this world into the next on December 15, 1994 at his mother's home in Fairfield. A memorial was held at Walnut Creek Church on December 22, and Jerry's remains were scattered at sea with his family and close friends present on December 23.

He is survived by his mother, Mary Schroeder of Fairfield, his father, Gerald Moyer of Ohio, siblings Janice, Ruth Anne ("Fiffy"), Tamara, and Tony, and many other loving relatives and friends.

Jerry, we know you are in a better place where you will suffer no more. We love you and feel privileged to have had you as part of our lives. We wait for the days when we can laugh and be together again.▼

FLASH

Tidbits from around town

by John Batchelor
MGW/Staff

Yes, once again **FLASH** has been resurrected just when you thought you'd never see it again. It's always a balance. However many of you out there seem to do it all. What's your secret? And by the way ..... belated **Happy New Year!** • Belated January birthday wishes to **Wayne Randall, Michael Mary Addison, Stephen Rangel,** Lambda Center Director **Joanna Cassese, Stephen Scott, James Ozanich, Tim White,** President of Capitol City Squares **Rich Wilkes,** and *MGW* publisher **Linda Birner,** and **Charlotte Williams,** and Happy February Birthday to **Kevin Webb, Ed Condon, Greg Matthews,** ex-Sacramentan **Stephen Crow, Scott Voorhees, Rev. Merrill Follansbee, Gloria Sloan, Donna Robertson, Kathy Haberman, Gary Chapman, Cheryl Strickland,** and **Art Katz** • On the anniversary front, **Susan Goodrich** and **Jeanette Hess** are still madly in love (with each other) after 10 years! We all wish you fifth more • The Lambda Community Center will remember **Paul Starr-Fuhr** in a very special way. This year's **Freedom Fair** will be dedicated to Paul. There was also a beautiful "Celebration of Life" service for Paul at RCMCC's **Cathedral of Promise** at Mather Air Force Base • The **Lambda Community Center** has a new president and a new outlook on life via **Larry Hoover.** The Center's February newsletter outlined some of the issues that Hoover intends to pursue. The goals are ambitious and wonderful. And with broad community support and input the Center and its programs will grow • One booming local business (for 16 years) in town is **Sports Leisure Travel.** The cover photo on their tour catalog was taken on a recent stage set at Garbeau's Dinner Theatre. Everyone is decked out in their best attire for the shot. Some familiar faces include owners **Mark Hoffman** and **Clayton Whitehead** and Administrative Assistant & Tour Director **Scott Farrell** • One woman getting involved in her work is **Julia Gaston,** also a writer for *MGW*. She is the new Youth Outreach worker at the Lambda Center. She recently introduced a woman's youth group for women ages 14-24. The group meets on Tuesdays at 6:30pm • For the first time the **Sacramento Men's Chorus** (SMC) sang with the **Camellia Orchestra!** Together they presented the world premiere of Ned Rorem's **Love Alone.** It is one of 18 eulogies written by Paul Monette in response to his lover's death. The music captured the heart and eloquence of the poem lovingly. Congratulations to everyone involved in this production • The **Lambda Players** continue their ambitious season with **Baby with the Bathwater,** February 10-March 11. My inside reporters claim that the show is "a hoot and a hollar!" Lambda's last production **The Lisbon Traviata** was a tight, balanced and compelling drama • The well-attended show received three stars in the *Sacramento Bee* • Garbeau's Dinner Theatre is currently showing the comedy-drama **Steel Magnolias** and the musical revue **A Portrait of Patsy Cline.** The Cline revue features local celebrity **Joni Morris** • The **Sacramento News and Review** (SN&R) continues to break new ground with a full page of events sponsored by **today's Church.** At the end of last year the Personal Spotlight featured a photo of **Leanna Pierson, Alex Pierson** and **Patricia Wentzel** as a nontraditional family at Central United Methodist Church • Just below the spotlight section, **George Meier,** Pastor at the Pioneer Congregational Church wrote an essay, "MYTH: Christianity Means Subscribing to Narrow-Minded Doctrine." In the same issue *SN&R* also wrote an honest and entertaining article about the **Sacramento Men's Chorus** • Coincidentally, **Country Western** dances are now held **every** Friday 7:30-10pm at the Central United Methodist Church at 53th & H streets. This is a smoke and alcohol-free environment so bring the whole family • This story is long overdue but here goes: **Harriet Joaquin** and her date were attending the Snow White Ball in December. It appears that the date's purse (with $125) was stolen from their table. Harriet an I both want to stress the need to always respect our sisters and brothers within the community. Our best hopes can be realized with continued trust and overall integrity. Times of celebration should never be marred with acts of thievery. Please share with us any information you may know about this situation • Kudos to the *Sacramento Bee* for showcasing a syndicated Knight-Ridder article on starting gay and lesbian networks at the workplace. The front page article in the Business section showed how gays and lesbians are working to raise awareness of the problems they face on the job • And speaking of the **Capitol City Squares,** the group took over **The Barn** in Orangevale for a day of celebration on New Year's Day. The crowd included many Bay area visitors who even brought leftovers from New Year's eve • If there is anyone interested in **clogging** for the sheer enjoyment of the art? If **so, please contact** Sonya Cox at *MGW*. This woman is dying to kick up her heels again • The local chapter of the **Names Project** continues to bring quilt panels to Sacramento for display. If there is a special panel that you would like to see, you can increase your chances by letting the quilt commission know. There are no guarantees but it is a step in the right direction • It's also been brought to my attention that **Maya Angelou** is scheduled to speak at Sac State on March 1 • You've all heard about or participated in an AIDS Walk. The **California AIDS Walk** from Laguna Beach to Sacramento will take three months and provide outreach to 20 cities. To help create this massive endeavor call **916-535-5067.** You might even consider walking all or part of the route! • On the network news, it was brought to my attention that **medieval dikes** in the Netherlands are in danger. This was the first time I heard the problem being addressed ..... finally • Until the next time I put pen to paper ..... stay well, **JOHN**▼

Publisher Jeff vonKaenel of *Sacramento News & Review* and homophobic David Woodell of American Family Associates debated at the last Society of Professional Journalists.

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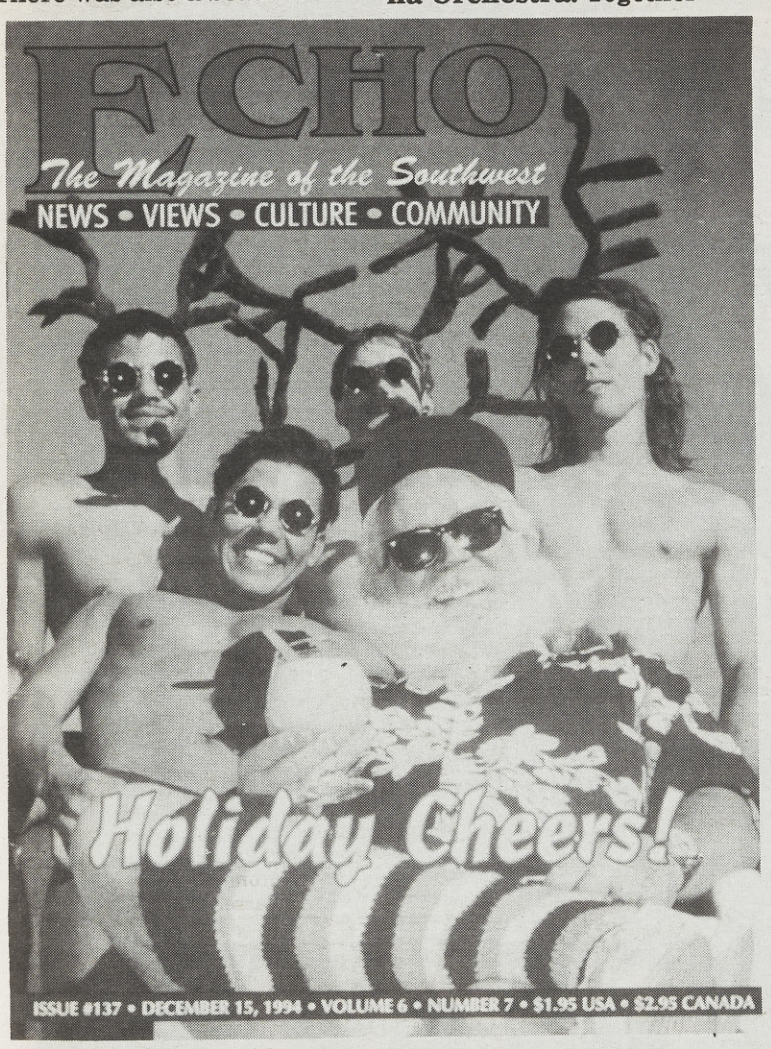
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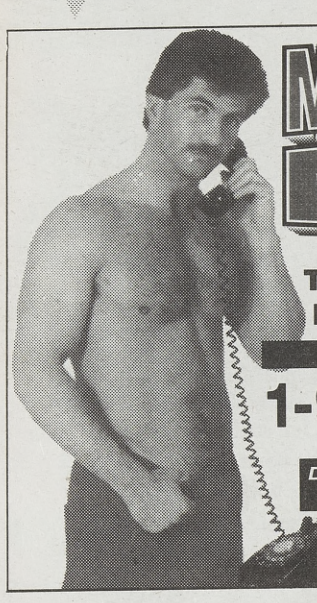

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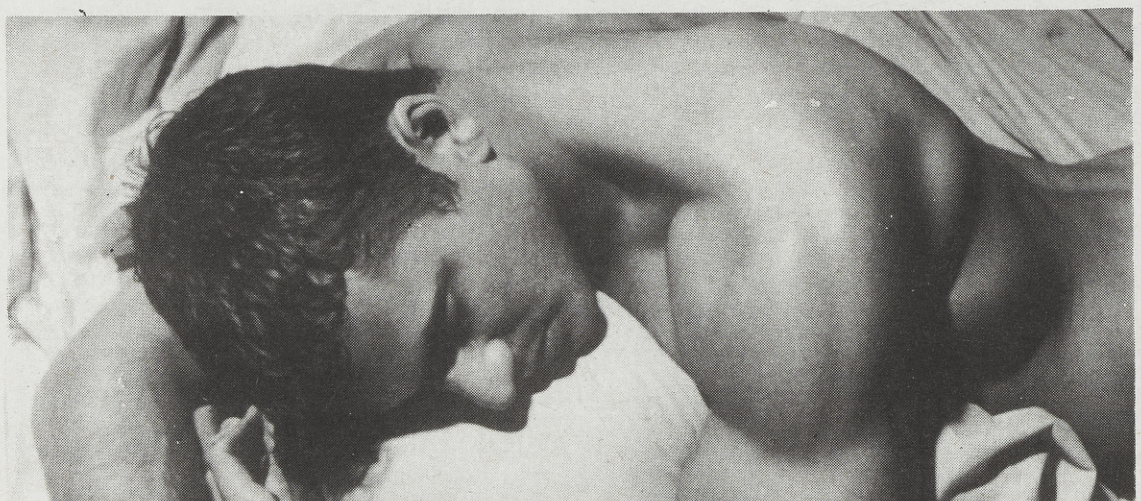

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Since 1990, the AIDS Benefit Calendar has contributed $200,000 to AIDS agencies in twelve cities. The message of the Calendar remains the same "FOCUS ON A FUTURE WITHOUT AIDS." Info.: $12 plus $2.25 shipping/handling to: AIDS Benefit Calendar, Dept. LD, Box 34012, San Diego, CA 92163.▼

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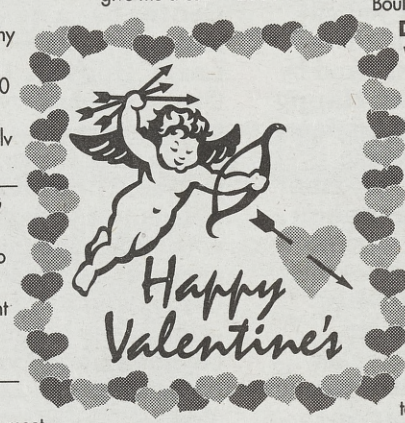

Carmichael **BOY NEXT DOOR:** single WM 30 5'9 160, brn blu trim attr boy next door type, iso WM 18-30 ht wt prop boy next door type, for friendship poss rel, local only- ☎24548

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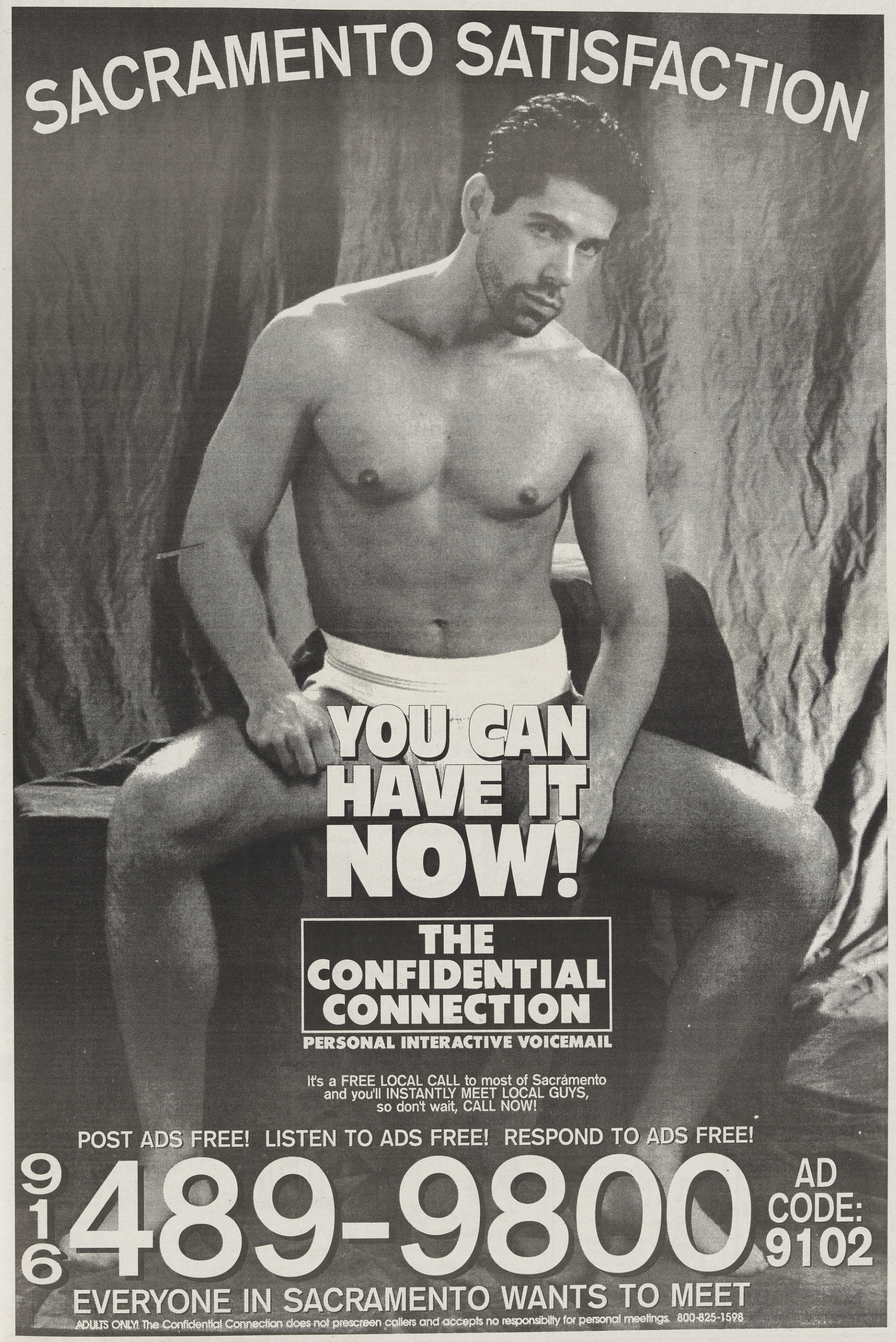
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WHISLER FINANCIAL GROUP, CFP, 446-6666
WHITNEY & KILLICK FINANCIAL SERVICES, 2321 Lloyd Ln., 486-8985

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PATRICK'S FURNITURE REFINISHING, 217 Kenroy Lane, Ste. 8, Roseville, 786-6615

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DAN'S GARDEN & LAWN SERVICE, 451-9460
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Gifts
FOCUS, 924 24th St. & J, 441-6930

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MGW GRAPHICS & TYPESETTING, 1725 L St., 441-6397

Greeting Cards
POSTCARDS ETC., L & 21st, 446-8049

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TAYLOR'S MARKET, 2900 Freeport Blvd., 443-6881

Hair
THE ASSOCIATES HAIR DESIGN, 3714 J St., 455-0667.
CRAZY RAZOR , 1221 21ST St., 446-3790.
SUZAN POPE/VICTORIA'S HAIR, 1201 24th St., 443-5456

Health Services
THE EFFORT, 1820 J St. 446-6467.

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Hotels/Inns/Resorts
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THE VILLAGE INN, 20822 River Bl., Monte Rio, 800-303-2303
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Housekeeping/ Janitorial
OLGA'S HOUSEHOLD SERVICES AGENCY, 453-0762

Hypnotherapy
ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS, 348-6641.

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ALLSTATE, DAN HUFFMAN, 721-9339
SUE WOLF, FARMERS INSURANCE, 5659 Freeport Blvd, 421-0390

Insurance Funding
NATIONAL MEDICAL FUNDING, (800) 877-1135

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DR. CAMERON YEE, 6407 Riverside Blvd. 395-0673

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SACWN, 1616 29th St., #310, 451-8034

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WAGGIN' TAILS, K9 WASTE REMOVAL, 987-8587

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KELLEY REALTOR, 6373 Riverside Blvd., Suite 124, 393-1111
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ANIMAL HOUSECALL SERVICE, Dr. Nancy Weagly, 457-0967
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CARES, 2710 Capitol Ave.
CHEYENNES/SILVER SPUR, 2710 Broadway
CHOICES, 2417 K St.
CRAZY RAZOR, 21st btwn Capitol & L
CREST THEATER, 1013 K St.
CSUS Library Lobby
DAVIS FOOD CO-OP, G St., Davis
ERNESTO'S, 1901 16th & S Sts.
FACES, 2000 K St.
FILM FOR DAYS, 2300 O St.
FOOD CO-OP, 1900 Alhambra at S St.
FOX & GOOSE, 1001 R St.
GELATO ROBI, 2317 J St.
GRETA'S, 19th & Capitol
JAVA CITY, 1800 Capitol Ave.
JAVA CITY, Sutter Galleria, 29th & J Sts.
LAMBDA CENTER, 20th & L St.
LIONESS BOOKS, 2224 J St.
MCC CHURCH, Mather AFB
MERCANTILE, 20th & L St.
MGW Newspaper, 1725 L St.
MIRAGE, 601 15th at F St.
MOMENT OF TOUCH, J & 23rd Sts.
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PARCEL PLUS, 3104 O St.
PESCADO'S MEXICAN FOOD, 2801 P St.
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SACRAMENTO INN CINEMAS, 1600 Cormorant Way
SAF, 920 20th at J, 2nd Floor
STATE CAPITOL CAFETERIA, L & 11th, 6th Floor
TACO LOCO CAFETERIAS, 1122 11th St.
TACO LOCO TAQUERIA, 2326 J St.
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TIME TESTED BOOKS, 114 21st St.
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TOWER BOOKS, 2538 Watt Ave.
TOWER BOOKS, 7830 Macy Plaza
TOWER THEATER, Broadway at 16th
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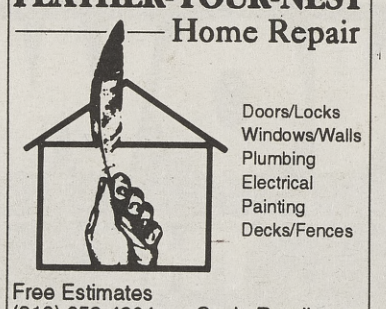

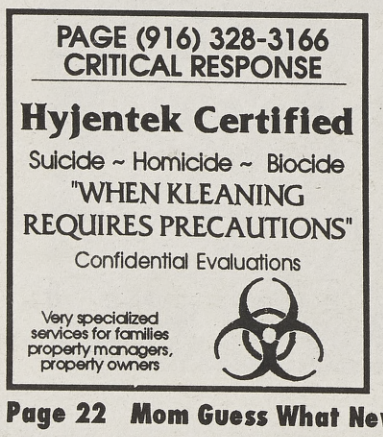

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HAVE YOU BEEN THE VICTIM OF A HATE CRIME? Call 442-0185.

Retired? Bored? Want to contribute to the gay/lesbian community? MGW Newspaper is looking for volunteers to help with phones, envelope stuffing, filing, computer inputting, painting, errands, customer service at front counter, writing, photography, etc., etc. Call 441-6397.

Do you like to read & write? MGW receives books from publishers on all subjects: love stories, religious, children's, political, entertainment, biographies, art, health, cookbooks, etc. MGW is looking for reviewers. You keep the book! 441-6397. TFN

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1 BR upstairs midtown, CH&A, frplc, fresh paint, parking, 2113 O, $405, 485-7912.

Cottage for rent on 2 acres, Arden area, hawks, duck pond, fruit trees, frplc, small study, $625/mo. 489-0644. x2/15

Apartments & Houses for Rent, Whisler Land Company, 448-1999. TFN

Hair station for rent to a stylist with a clientele Crazy Razor, midtown . Dianne, 446-3790. TFN

Small quaint cottage for rent. Great for artist, writer or someone that would like quiet space. Cottage is for day use only, not a live-in. 1/2 bath, no kitchen, etc. Landpark Area, $200. Linda, 441-6397. TFN

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Gay Men Seeking Gay Men

J.O. friend wanted by 60+ 5'7" 165 wm HIV- honest clean cut ND NS discreet likes video massage u b same bus or prof type. Reply Box 1961, No Highlands, CA 95668.

Bottom sks top. Submissive GWM bottom 5'9" sm build, 130 lbs, 38 yrs old. Rdy to drop my pants, bare my rear for aggressive GWM top 30+. For good time only. After 3pm, only call David 916-925-4871.

Country man looking for someone else who likes country living and being around animals, PJ 916-889-5611, Box 7105, Auburn 95603. x2/15

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Miscellaneous

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AIDS-HOW I CURED MYSELF - Alternative Therapies, Self-Treatment Hndbk, 70 pgs., $15 postage pd. Chemical & Photochemical HIV Detoxification (Vitamins & tanning treatments). Behr & Lamb, Inc., Jerico Springs, MO 64756-9305 X2/15/95

Roommates

GF seeking clean GF to share 2 BD, 1 BA Land Park area hm. NS, ND. Must like dogs. Pets nego, $300/mo ½ util. 447-6930.

Gay man, 43, looking for shared housing. I have an old, fat sweetheart dog who sips on the bed & likes to chase kitty-kats. Steve 386-2504.

Shr lrg 3 BD 2BA So. Natomas home. Has spa, gym, cable, frplc, W/D, lndscp'd yds, alarm. Near dwntn, fwys, shopping, park. $375/mo + ½ util. Call 923-6274 x3/15

Services

Take time out ~ Get yourself a massage ~ Swedish ~ Accupressure ~ Reflexology ~ In/out calls. 2 for 1 intro offer. Kevin CMT 448-8406.

Hispanic kneading massage for "for males only" $30, outcalls only. Tony 535-7688 lv. msg. x3/1

Revitalizing full body massage for men by Alan 457-5960. x2/15

Gay/Lesbian Travel Guide Books. MGW, 1725 L St., 441-6397. TFN

Vacation Rentals

Trade? Will trade our vacation home for yours for week or weekend. Sleeps 6, on Clearlake, pier and boat ramp. Fully equipped. 753-0424. TFN

Wanted

Old cameras wanted for decorating MGW offices. 441-6397. TFN

Very small used canoe. Prefer something light, poss. plastic or fiberglass. Rosemary Metrailer, 447-7255. TFN

Looking for a 3/4 ton windowed van, V8, w/tow package. Good condition. Linda, 441-6397. TFN

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Book Reviewers (You Keep the Book!)

Automotive Writers

News Clip Writer

Tear Sheet Coordinator

Assignment Editor

Photographers

Darkroom Technicians

441-NEWS

★ Lesbian Personals

FEMALE ONLY PERSONALS

Sacramento **BD AND SM:** Leah looking for someone who likes dom, likes bd and sm, lv a message ☎27365

Sacramento **FEMININE TOPS:** Sue, prefer fem tops, early 40s, pretty attr, smart, good job, great place to live, like sports, like second hand store shopping, great dane, drink coffee, non drinker iso someone age appropriate taller the better, ☎28033

Sacramento **NEWLY SINGLE:** Michelle self empd hairdresser camping country music movies, lke to meet for companionship, just got out of a marriage to another woman, 46-just looking for fun ☎30580

Sacramento **EXPLORE A LITTLE:** Tanya, looking for a bi female to have fun with, maybe explore a little, give me a call-☎27625

Sacramento **BEAUTIFUL SMILE:** Christine, 25, single GF 5'6 brn blu good smile, size 16 hopeless romantic love to sing, talking, walks along the river quiet eves or nites iso romantic woman, easy going and enjoys the simple things in life-☎32613

Sacramento **HOPELESS ROMANTIC: GWF** iso GWF in the area hopeless romantic, country music dancing, pref non smoker, drink occasionally lkg for rel, like to be friends and have it grow into a rel-☎34561

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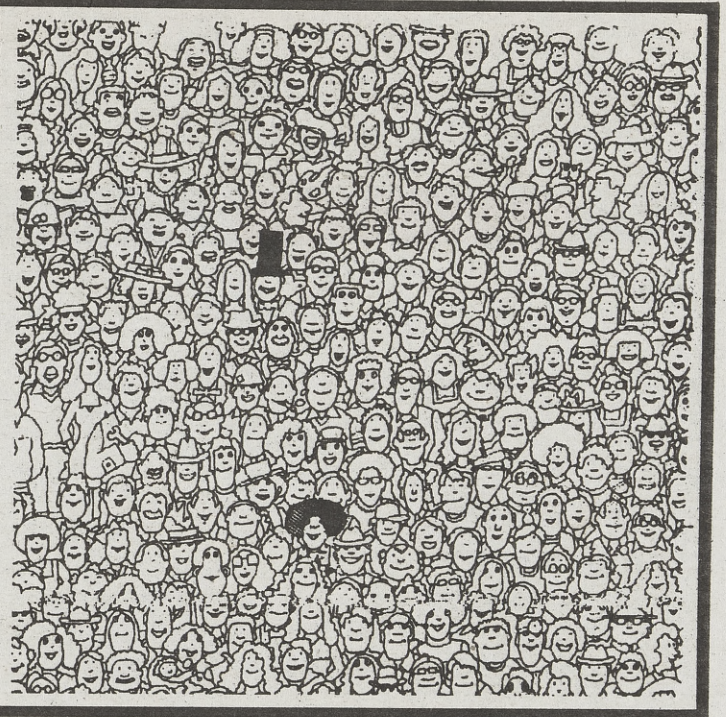

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OFFICE USE ONLY Date _____ Check # _____ Amt. Paid _____

CALENDAR

F E B R U A R Y

15 WEDNESDAY

"Just As I Am", River City MCC Service telecast, Time TBD, Ch.40, 856-1444.

Lesbian & Gay Business Alliance, 7pm, Carrows, J & 28th. "Preparing Camera Ready Art," with Colleen Tschannon, Andy Markley & Tina Reynolds. 863-9733.

Board of Directors Meeting, Lambda Center, 20th & L, 6:30 pm, 442-0185.

Men' s Focus Group, Lambda Center, 20th & L, 7pm, 442-0185.

Sacramento City Council Committee Meetings on Neighborhood/Public Safety Issues, City Hall, 7-10pm. 264-7336.

16 THURSDAY

Choir Practice, River City MCC' s Cathedral of Promise, Mather AFB (Old Chapel #1) off hwy 50, 7pm, 856-1444.

Lesbian Support Group, 6:30pm, DeWitt Center, 11512 B Ave., Ponderosa Rm, Auburn. 632-7080.

North Sacramento Chamber of Commerce, Special guest Mayor Joe Serna, Jr., 12 noon, Radisson Hotel, $25/person (benefits No. Sac. CofC Political Action Committee). RSVP: Julie 925-6773.

Being Alive Living Room, Lambda Center, 20th & L, 2:00 pm, 442-0185.

Women' s Coming Out Group, Lambda Center, 20th & L, 6pm, 442-0185.

CODA, Lambda Center, 20th &L, 7:30pm, 442-0185.

Being Gay Today, interview with Larry Hoover, newly elected chairperson of Lambda Community Fund, Sacramento Cable Channel 17, 10pm.

17 FRIDAY

Dancing with D.J. Warren "Kommission" 8pm-1am, $1 cover, The Mirage, 15th & F. 444-3238.

Country Western Dancing, Lessons 7:30; dancing until 10pm, $2 donation, Central United Methodist Church, 53rd & H St. Info: 452-5016.

Youth Group, Lambda Center, 20th &L, 5:45pm, 442-0185.

Café Lambda, Lambda Center, 20th & L, 8pm, 442-0185.

Being Gay Today, interview with Larry Hoover, newly elected chairperson of Lambda Community Fund, Sacramento Cable Channel 17, 4pm. June 3

Barbra - The Reunion, Barbra Streisand fan convention, San Rafael Holiday Inn, thru Feb. 19. Info: 415-647-3495.

18 SATURDAY

Dykes Out Together Bowling Night, Birdcage Lanes 9pm, Terri 392-4020.

Barbara Borden, Solo music/theaterpiece, IMA, Bodega, 8pm, $12, 707-876-3004.

Workshop: African Dance Styles of the Americas, 11am-6pm, $30-$35, CSUS, 6000 J St., Solano 1010, 448-5252.

SAF Fundraising Night, Sac Kings vs. L.A. Clippers, Arco Arena, 7:30pm. Kings supply $13 tickets for $5, SAF earns proceeds! 928-3653.

Dancing with D.J. Joey 8pm-1am, $1 cover, The Mirage, 15th & F. 444-3238.

Being Gay Today, interview with Larry Hoover, newly elected chairperson of Lambda Community Fund, Sacramento Cable Channel 17, 10am.

19 SUNDAY

Brotherhood/Sisterhood Week

Kathe Steinbeck, flute & Renee Wilton, piano, 3pm, Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St., adults $4.50.

River City MCC' s Cathedral of Promise "Where God does not discriminate", 9am, 11am, & 6pm, Mather AFB (Chapel #1), 856-1444.

Dare to Drum with Barbara Borden, workshop, IMA, Bodega, 12-3pm, $35, 707-876-3004.

Sunset Tea Dance with D.J. Shirley 6pm-9pm, no cover, The Mirage, 15th & F. 444-3238.

Free Pool, 9pm, The Mirage, 15th & F. 444-3238.

AA, Lambda Center, 20th & L, 11am, 442-0185.

20 MONDAY

President' s Day

Pisces, the fish, squirm into Zodiac

Classical Action: A Concerted Effort Against AIDS. S.F., 415-433-3380.

Men' s Coming Out Group, Lambda Center, 20th & L, 5:30pm, 442-0185.

Classical Action: A Concert-ed Effort Against AIDS, gala benefit hosted by Carol Burnett, 8pm,$75-$250, 415-864-6000.

21 TUESDAY

Valley Bears Night Out, to be announced.

Women' s Youth Group, Lambda Center, 20th & L, 6:30pm, 442-0185.

AA, Lambda Center, 20th & L, 7:30pm, 442-0185.

PFLAG Meeting, video "Queer Son," 7:30pm, Fireside Rm, Christian Education Bldg., St. Marks United Methodist Church (St. Marks Wy & Lusk Dr. behind Country Club Plaza). 978-0410.

22 WEDNESDAY

George Washington' s Birthday

Valley Bears Board Meeting, open to all, 2500 Marconi #200, 7pm.

"Just As I Am", River City MCC Service telecast, Time TBD, Ch.40, 856-1444.

Men of Color Support Group, Lambda Center, 20th & L, 6:30pm, 442-0185.

Dart Tournament The Mirage, 15th &F, every Wednesday. 444-3238.

Sacramento City Council Committee Meetings on Neighborhood/Public Safety Issues, City Hall, 7-10pm. 264-7336.

23 THURSDAY

California Republican Party Annual Convention, Hyatt Regency.

Choir Practice, River City MCC' s Cathedral of Promise, Mather AFB (Old Chapel #1) off hwy 50, 7pm, 856-1444.

Lesbian Support Group, 6:30pm, DeWitt Center, 11512 B Ave., Ponderosa Rm, Auburn. 632-7080.

Larry Castagnola, S.J., "Haiti Update," with Pierre La Bosierre, 7:30pm, Young Ladies Institute Club House, 1400 27th St. (at N), donation; social/potluck 6pm. Info: 447-2424.

Body Songs, an evening of dance, Bonnie Simoa Dance Co., 8pm, Veterans' Memorial Theater, 14th & B, Davis. Reservations, $10, 758-6391.

Being Alive Living Room, Lambda Center, 20th & L, 2:00 pm, 442-0185.

Women' s Coming Out Group, Lambda Center, 20th & L, 6pm, 442-0185.

CODA, Lambda Center, 20th &L, 7:30pm, 442-0185.

Dale Scholl Dance/Art, "Crooners to Rappers: An Airwave Love Affair," 24th St. Theatre, 2791 24th St., 8pm, $12. 483-4017.

Outrageous #3, Andross' zany comedy program reaches outer limits. Sacramento Cable Channel 17, 4pm.

Sacramento Youth Commission Meeting, City Council Chambers, City Hall 9151 St., 2nd floor, 6:30pm. 264-7845.

24 FRIDAY

California Republican Party Annual Convention, Hyatt Regency.

Wine, Cheese & Theatre hosted by "qHS prn", social and networking organization for gay/lesbian health care professionals of Central Calif. 7pm, Sierra II Green Room, 2791 24th St. Members: $15, non-members: $20, 446-4582.

Body Songs, an evening of dance, Bonnie Simoa Dance Co., 8pm, Veterans' Memorial Theater, 14th & B, Davis. Reservations, $10, 758-6391.

The Slammin' Babes with opening guest Coppr Wimmin, The Dance Palace, corner of 5th & B in Pt. Reyes Station, 8pm, $10, in advance through IMA. 707-876-3004.

Country Western Dancing, Lessons 7:30; dancing until 10pm, $2 donation, Central United Methodist Church, 53rd & H St. Info: 452-5016.

Youth Group, Lambda Center, 20th &L, 5:45pm, 442-0185.

Café Lambda Speciall, Lambda Center, 20th & L, 8pm, 442-0185.

Transgender Group, Youth Group, Lambda Center, 20th & L, 5:30 pm, 442-0185.

Dale Scholl Dance/Art, "Crooners to Rappers: An Airwave Love Affair," 24th St. Theatre, 2791 24th St., 8pm, $12. 483-4017.

Melonnee Desire6 & The Promises, Hot & Spicy Restaurant/Bar, 1023 Front St., Old Sacto, 8:30pm. 456-8134.

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KVIE Art Auction, "Expose Yourself to Art, Collectively," 6:30-10:30pm, 1651 Response Rd. Reservations: 923-7474, ext. 6442.

Wolfstone in Concert Unplugged & Electric! Sonora Auditorium at Sonora High, Sonora, 8pm. $10/advance, $12/at-the-door. Tickets 209-533-3473.

25 SATURDAY

California Republican Party Annual Convention, Hyatt Regency.

Midtown Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball sponsored by Gay & Lesbian Journey, 8pm, St. Francis Social Hall, 26 & K St. (inside courtyd). Music by Second Wind. Tickets: $10 advance, $15 at the door, avail. at Gifted Gardener, St. Francis Friary. Door prizes, prize for best costume. 443-8084.

Sac Valley & Foothills AIDS Interfaith Network Conference, "Reaching Out: An Interfaith Response to AIDS." St. Johns Lutheran Church, 1701 L St., 9am. $12 advance, $15 at the door. 393-5367.

Dianne Davidson Concert, IMA, Bodega, 8pm, $12, 707-876-3004.

Judy Fjell, Crystal Reeves, Karen Almquist Concert, The Palms, 726 Drummon Rd, Davis. 8pm, $10.50, 756-9901.

Chinese New Year - Asian Festival, Isleton, 777-5880.

Body Songs, an evening of dance, Bonnie Simoa Dance Co., 8pm, Veterans' Memorial Theater, 14th & B, Davis. Reservations, $10, 758-6391.

Melonnee Desire6 & The Promises, Hot & Spicy Restaurant/Bar, 1023 Front St., Old Sacto, 8:30pm. 456-8134.

Dykes Out Together "Bad Golf Saturday," Campus Commons Golf Course. RSVP Jessica 783-8412 by Feb. 18.

Dykes Out Together Poker/games night, 7pm, info: 729-4246.

Dale Scholl Dance/Art, "Crooners to Rappers: An Airwave Love Affair," 24th St. Theatre, 2791 24th St., 8pm, $12. 483-4017.

Poverty Ridge History Walk, 10am, 23rd St. Light Rail Station, $5. 444-5949.

Gatsby Gamblers Party, Towe Ford Museum, 2200 Front St., 6:30pm, Cajun food, gaming, costume parade, auction. Judges: Dexter Smith & Chuck Miller. $10/person. 442-6802.

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26 SUNDAY

Pancake Week

California Republican Party Annual Convention, Hyatt Regency.

Gallery Walkthrough with Nayland Blake, 2pm, UAM/PFA, free with museum admission, info: (510) 642-8344.

River City MCC' s Cathedral of Promise "Where God does not discriminate", 9am, 11am, & 6pm, Mather AFB (Chapel #1), 856-1444.

Dianne Davidson Songwriting Workshop, IMA, Bodega, 12-3pm, $35, 707-676-3004.

Chinese New Year - Asian Festival, Isleton, 777-5880.

Free Pool, 9pm, The Mirage, 15th & F. 444-3238.

AA, Lambda Center, 20th & L, 11am, 442-0185.

27 MONDAY

California Republican Party Annual Convention, Hyatt Regency.

Men' s Coming Out Group, Lambda Center, 20th & L, 5:30pm, 442-0185.

CA NOW Legislative Reception, 5-7pm, Capitol Basement Rotunda. Sponsorships: $50-$250, RSVP by Jan. 27, 442-3414.

28 TUESDAY

Mardi Gras — New Orleans gala!

West Hollywood Mardi Gras!

Women' s Youth Group, Lambda Center, 20th & L, 6:30pm, 442-0185.

AA, Lambda Center, 20th & L, 7:30pm, 442-0185.

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MASTER CALENDAR

Women' s Weekend, Russian River	Apr 28 - 30
CAP/PAC Annual Dinner	June 3
Wellspring Swing ' 95	May 20
International AIDS Candlelight Memorial	May 21
CSW 1995 Gay/Lesbian Pride Parade, West Hollywood	June 25
S.F. Gay Pride Festival	Jun 18
L.A. Gay Pride Weekend, 213-656-6553	Jun 24-25
California AIDS Walk	June 1-Aug 31
Sacramento Summer Ball	Aug 15
California State Fair	Aug 18 - Sep 4
Rainbow Festival Street Fair	Sep 3
Women' s Weekend II, Russian /River	Sep 29 - Oct 1
MGW Newspaper' s 19th Anniversary, 441-6397	November
World AIDS Awareness Day/A Day Without Art	December 1
Snow White Champagne Ball for Women, 441-6397	December

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THEATRE

American Conservatory Theater, Marines Memorial Theater, 609 Sutter St, 749-2ACT.

Broadway Playhouse, *Runaways* Feb 10-25, $10, 4010 El Camino Ave., 489-6880, 483-2775.

CSUS Theatre Arts, *Green Card,* Mar 3-18; *A Midsummers Night Dream,* Mar 24 - Apr 8; *My Visits with MGM,* Apr 28 - May 14. 6000 J Street, 278-6604.

Chatauqua Playhouse, 5325 Eagle Rd, Carmichael, 489-PLAY.

Coyote Theatre Company, Repertory: *Isn' t It Romantic,* and *The Time At The End Of This Time,* Fri & Sat nights thru Mar 11, Sierra II, Rm 10 main bldg. Tickets $12, Community Center Box Office, 13th & L St.

Garbeau' s Dinner Theatre, *Steel Magnolias,* thru Mar 12. 12401 Folsom Blvd, 985-6361.

The Lambda Players, *Baby with the Bathwater,* Feb 10 - Mar 11; *Last Summer at Bluefish Cove,* Jun 16 -25. Tickets, $10, Community Center Box Office, 13th & L Sts, $12 at the door. 442-7752.

Miracle Productions, 731-4507.

Monday Night Melodrama, *Run to the Roundhouse Nellie They Can' t Corner You There & Double Dealing,* thru Feb 27, 111 K St, Old Sacramento, 442-5501.

Music Circus, *A Little Night Music,* Mar 28 - Apr 2; *Jelly' s Last Jam,* July 10-16; *Heartbeats;* July 17-23 *The Music Man;* July 24-30 *Nunsense;* July 31-Aug 6 *The Wizard of Oz;* Aug 7-13 *Paint Your Wagon;* Aug 14-20 *The Pirates of Penzance;* Aug 21-27 *She Loves Me,* 446-5880.

Sacramento City Actor' s Theatre, *Fences* Feb 24-Mar25; *Lost In Yonkers* Feb 21-May 13, 3835 Freeport Blvd., 558-2228.

Sacramento Theatre Co, *Rumors,* thru Feb. 5, 1419 H St, 443-6722.

Short Center Repertory, STC Stage Two, 737-2709.

The Studio Theatre, *Painting Churches,* thru Feb 19; *Closer Than Ever,* Feb. 14-Apr 9; *A Moon for the Misbegotten,* Mar 2 - Apr 9; *Marvin' s Room,* Apr 27 - Jun 4; *As You Like It,* Jun 15 - Aug 6. Info: 448-2668.

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GALLERIES

American River College Art Gallery, Kim Scott, paintings and sculpture, thru Feb. 17, 4700 Colletge Oak Dr., Rm 503, 484-8399.

Archival Framing Gallery, Carol Harding and Lucy Ruth Wright Rivers, Feb. 2-25; "4 Benicians" Marilyn Bardet, Hedi Desuyo, Nanct Steele, Carol Dalton, Mar 1-April 1; Andrew Martin and Corey Okada, April 4-29; "Gone Fishin' ...4" Ed Novinsky, D.L. Thomas, John Landgraf, Margaret Maye, Christopher Dewees, May 2-June 3; Terence Baxter, paintings & Craig Smith, small sculpture, June 5-July 1; "Introductions 95" July 5-30. 1729 L St, 444-9624.

African-American Art Gallery, Featuring Haitian artists and Accra, Ghana West African Artists, 3449 Watt Ave, 485-4516.

Big Art, Theodor di Ricco, Metal works by Ioan Nagy, Feb. 6-Mar 3. 1928 L St, 446-2740.

Crocker Art Museum, "Fact or Fantasy?" thru March 12; "Image & Memory: Latin American Photography, 1880-1992," thru March 5; No. Calif. Youth Art Month Exhibition, March 16-May 14; Noh Masks by Adam Zollinger & the Ariake Mask Group of Japan, March 24-May 14. "Modern European Prints" Thru Mar 95. 216 O St. 264-7372.

Duke's Coffee Gallery, "Still Movement" 14 Years of Sacramento Dance through Photography, Joan Liddicoat, thru March 10. 2416 16th St, 444-5563.

Fine Eye Gallery, 71 Main St., Sutter Creek, 209-267-0571.

Matrix Gallery, Irene Belknap, Nancy McHone, Jonde Northcutt, March 8-April 1. 1725 I St. 441-4818.

Michael Himovitz Gallery, One-day exhibition of art created by the Children of St. Michael' s Episcopal Day School, Sunday, Feb. 26, 1-4pm; Joseph Bellacera, paintings; GUN SHOW: Artists' Interpretations of Guns, Alan Carrier, mixed-media Assemblage, Feb. 8-Mar 3. 1020 10th St, 448-8723.

Nelson Gallery, Selections from the Collection, Apr 9 - Jun 15; Master of Fine Arts Exhibitions, Jun 2 - 30. UCD, 752-8500.

Phantom Gallery, "Phoenix," Feb. 11-28. 1414 Del Paso Blvd. Fri-Sun 12-4pm

Pooser Galleries, 3449 Watt Ave, 485-4516.

Quicksilver Mine Co., David E. Meeker, acrylics & copper; Carl W. Hedberg, sculpture Feb. 4-Mar 12. 14028 Armstrong Woods Rd, Guerneville. 707-869-9357.

St. John' s Lutheran Church, 30th Annual Religious Art Festival, April 29-May 14. Entry dates: April 21 and 22, 9am-5pm, 1723 L St., 444-0874.

Shenandoah Gallery, "Contemporary Art From Around the World," thru May 1, 12300 Steiner Rd, Plymouth 209-245-4455.

Solomon Dubnick Gallery, "A Look at Love" Group Valentine' s Show. Feb 8 - Mar 4; Sugar & Spice, Naughty & Nice, Feb 9-Mar 4. 2131 Northrop, 920-4547.

Tasha' s, Naked Knits, wearable art by Matthew Gatheringwater, thru March 11; Beads, Baubles and Bags by Sabra Originals. 1005 22nd St., 444-5159.

University Union Exhibits, 6000 J St., 278-6595.

Weintraub Hunter Gallery, 1723 J St, 442-3360.

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